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States

Michael Jackson trial: A Los Ange les indee has denied a request for a contempt citation against journalist Martin Bashir, who produced the docu-mentary "Living With Michael Jack-son" in 2003 and in the past week followed

up with two more TV specials.

Court documents released Friday do not give a reason for Judge Rodney Melville's decision on the defense request, which argued that Bashir violated the court's gag order prohibiting him, as a witness, from making public statements in the 46-year-old pop star's child molestation case.

Japan's ban on beef imports: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice raised the issue of Japan lifting completely a ban on imports of U.S. beef while meeting with her Japanese counterpart for bilateral talks in Washington on Saturday.

The Japanese understood U.S. concerns and were trying to accelerate procedures "and made a commitment the issue would be resolved," said a State Department official who attended the meeting and spoke on

condition of anonymity.

Hatushisa Takashima, the Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said beef imports came up in the talks and that Japan would make an effort to meet U.S. requests.

World

Gays in the church: Leaders of the global Anglican Communion meet this week in Northern Ireland to continue a debate on gay bishops, a dispute in which no one yet discerns a solution

"There will be no cost-free outcome from this," Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams told the Church of England's governing body last week.

"To put it as bluntly as I can," he added, "there are no clean breaks in the Body of

The primates, or leaders of the 38 national churches that comprise the communion, are meeting this week at the Dromantine Retreat and Conference Center, a Roman Catholic facility near Newry, Northern Ireland.

2002 plane crash: Families of 27 victims of a 2002 plane collision are suing Switzerland's air traffic control company and a Russian airline, the Swiss firm said Sunday

The 120 relatives have launched legal proceedings in a court in Barcelona, Spain, against Skyguide and Bashkirian Airlines, Spain. said Skyguide spokeswoman Rosemarie

Spain was the destination of a Bashkirian charter jet, which collided with a DHL International cargo plane over southern Germany July 1, 2002, killing 71 people — most of them Russian schoolchildren.

Polio immunizations: Indian health authorities will launch a new offensive to eradicate polio after the crippling disease threatened to resurface in several states and in slums across New Delhi, an official said Sun-

India has made enormous gains in combatting polio over the past three decades. From more than 20,000 new cases reported every year during the 1980s, the number dwindled to 135 new polio cases last year. But authorities have identified five states and slum clusters in the national capital as



Pontiff's recovery: Pope John Paul II blesses pilgrims during his traditional appearance at the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday. The pope-appeared in good form and spoke in a strong, relatively clear voice during the address, his second since being released from the hospital 10 days ago. From his window at the Vatican, the 84-year-old pontiff read his entire address, stopping briefly to cough and skipping a Latin prayer but continuing to the end with no apparent problems. It was a marked contrast from recent speeches in which the pontiff has struggled to catch his breath.At the end, he raised his hand in blessing. "I wish you all a happy Sunday," he said.

areas at risk of a resurgence of polio which paralyzes and cripples children after three reported cases this year, an official said on condition of anonymity

Togo's army-backed government: Togolese officials on Sunday condemned the imposition of African sanctions on their latest army-installed regime, while jubilant opposition leaders urged yet more pressure at home and abroad to force the regime to yield to democracy

West Africa's regional bloc announced the sanctions - including a travel ban on Togo's leaders and an arms embargo — late Saturday, one of African leaders' most forceful responses yet against old-style assumptions of power on the continent

Taiwan independence: China on Sunday expressed concern over military cooperation between the United States and Japan and attacked their joint statement on Taiwan as an unwelcome intrusion into Chinese affairs.

U.S. and Japanese officials meeting in Washington on Saturday listed "the peaceful resolution" of the Taiwan issue as a strategic objective and reaffirmed the two countries' security arrangements.

China claims self-ruling Taiwan as a part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence.

Italy smog alert: Milan and several smaller cities in northern Italy barred cars and motorbikes from circulating Sunday to cut

Electric cars and other low-pollution vehicles were exempted from the ban in Milan. which started at 8 a.m. local time and continued to 8 p.m. Other exceptions included parties for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Similar efforts were organized in Asti, Modena, Ferrara and Parma.

Syria-Lebanon relations: Syrian political activists called for a Syrian troop withdraw-

al from neighboring Lebanon in the wake of the assassination of former Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri, but expressed concern Sunday at the level of anti-Syrian protests in Leba-

The call comes amid intense international pressure on Syria to withdraw some 15,000 troops from neighbor-

ing Lebanon amid speculation that Damascus and the pro-Syrian Lebanese government had a hand in Harir-i's Feb. 14 killing. Both governments have denied the charge

War on terrorism

Kidnapped Italian journalist: Waving rain-bow peace flags, tens of thousands of demon-strators marched through the streets of central Rome on Saturday to press for the release of an Italian journalist abducted in Iraq earlier this month.

The somber march came days after 56vear-old Giuliana Sgrena was seen in a wrenching video pleading for her life and beg-ging for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq.

The demonstration was planned before the video was shown Wednesday.

As demonstrators walked near the Colos-

seum, the arena's lights turned from white to gold, as they do when a death sentence is commuted somewhere in the world.

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Right: Chief Petty Officer Stephen Zentz climbs a banister to paint the outside of Ecole Catholique Notre Dame des Anges de Nkok, a Catholic school in Libreville Gabon, as part of a community relations project done by sailors aboard the USS Emory S. Land. Far right: Sailors refurbish three class rooms of the Catholic school Saturday, cleaning the rooms of mold, hornets' nests. huge spiders, before painting.





Sailors show the 'other' side of the Navy

Emory S. Land sends volunteers to Gabon

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

LIBREVILLE, Gabon - Seaman Ap prentice Jordan Saffell wasn't bothered by the swelter of 104-degree humid heat. She wasn't crazy about the nickel-sized spiders, but they didn't thwart her spirits. Saffell, 18, was one of 24 sailors from the

USS Emory S. Land who volunteered Saturday to patch and paint a near-dilapidated school in the province of Essassa.

"It's awesome. I love it," Saffell said. "We actually get to come out here and help, and it feels like I actually did some-

thing." The submarine tender, based out of La Maddalena, Sardinia, is midway through a two-month deployment to the West African countries of Cameroon, Gabon and Ghana with missions spanning from repairing schools and or-

phanages to training the African militaries to provide coastline

"I like it. We're helping out people who don't have a way or the means of helping themselves," said Petty Officer 2nd Class David Miller, a Seabee.

While Gabon is a nation rich in petroleum, lumber and mined diamonds, its gov ernment leaders don't put education high on the priority-spending list, said Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Gabriel Mensah, a native of Ghana, where the Land will make its next

Years of neglect led to crumbled walls and roofs of local schools, such as the Catholic school the sailors fixed up.

"It's all joy. I cannot express it." school director Obounou Ella Dieudonne said in

French, the country's primary language.

The defense attaché office of the U.S. Embassy in Libreville runs the community relation projects with money supplied by U.S. European Command, said Army Staff Sgt. Ben Edouard.

With two of the five classrooms condemned the foundation is crumbling, the sailor volunteers refurbished the three sound rooms with new paint and patched roofs and ceilings. Officials scrapped a major restoration project when the price tag topped \$120,000 more than the \$100,000 new school built next door, which opened Jan.

13, Edouard said Key to the building project is the ad-dition of three bath-

rooms for the students, who used to cross a dangerous major roadway to reach a wooded area because they had no facili-

ties at the school. Edouard said

More sailors volunteered for the community relation projects than Mensah had jobs, a testament to their desire to help, he said. Sailors refurbished desks and chairs and played soccer at a 950-children orphanage in Doula, Cameroon, and spruced up classrooms and installed two basketb hoops and a volleyball net in Port Gentil,

"People of these countries see the U.S. Navy and think all we do is fight wars," Mensah said. "We're here to show the other side of the U.S. Navy."



Petty Officer 1st Class Arnaldo Torres prepares table centerpieces for a semi-formal reception aboard the USS Emory S. Land off the coast of Gabon.

Cooking under pressure on the Land

Hosting a dinner party for 48 people is chal- make due and do the best with what we've lenging enough, but toss in ambassadors, got. dignitaries, USDA regulations, food two dignitaries, USDA regulations, 1000 two weeks old, and saunalike conditions in a like shopping, only in my own fridge."

Usually, Petty Officer 1st Class Arnaldo Max Agpaoa was cooking under pressure.

Saturday night. Rear Adm. C. Van Mauney, director of Navy Europe Plans and Operations and Commander Submarines Almal reception aboard the USS Emory S. Land, the La Maddalena, Sardinia-based ship midway through a two-month deployent to three West African nations of Came roon, Gabon and Ghana.

tail and either the prime rib or mixed sea- head food entree were products of what he had in

we started the deployment (on Jan. 25) said Agpaoa. "It's difficult. The food in Gabon is not approved for military use, and

ABOARD THE USS EMORY S. LAND - what I have is two weeks old. We have to

"A little of this and a little of that. It was

Torres works in cargo, receiving shipments of food approved by the U.S. Department of

On Saturday, he was making flowers out of potatoes, carrots and radishes and decolied Naval Forces South, hosted a semi-for-rating a heads of lettuce for centerpieces placed at tables hosting ambassadors to Gabon from countries such as Lebanon, Russia, Cameroon, Niger and Spain.

"This is what the Navy taught me," joked Torres as he gingerly centered a tooth-Agpaoa's planned menu of shrimp cock- pick-pricked potato flower in the lettuce

"This is very out of the ordinary for us, said Chief Petty Officer Chad White said of "The menu is based on what we got before preparing a lavish meal on the ship. "We're not used to working in this heat and preparing such an important dinner.'

- Sandra Jontz

1st ID museum puts up Iraq exhibit before troops return

The new display

carries forward a

museum "storu

line" that stretches

from the trenches of

Cantigny, France,

in World War I,

through North

Africa, Normandy,

Vietnam, and the

Persian Gulf to the

By STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany - The 1st Infantry Division is not yet fully home from it's yearlong tour in Iraq, and already its work there is being enshrined in history

Workers at the three-year-old 1st Infantry Museum — just out-side the division's headquarters building in Würzburg — are working on a \$70,000 display dedicated to the Big Red One's role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gabriele Torony, the muse-um's curator, said the new display carries forward a museum 'story line" that stretches from trenches of Cantigny. France, in World War I, through North Africa, Normandy, Viet nam, and the Persian Gulf to the valleys of Kosovo.

It opens with the facade of an armored Humvee that will hold a touch-screen computer, then lead visitors through an archway built to resemble the marble pillars at the 1st ID's recent palace headquarters in Tikrit, Iraq

The archway leads to an Iraqi street scene featuring an Iraqi policeman behind a faux concrete barricades, a U.S. soldier and Iraqi soldier jointly preparing to storm into a closed building, and a female 1st ID soldier talking to an Iraqi woman and child. The floor is gritty and sandlike, with embedded glass boxes displaying examples of the insurgents' homemade bombs.

In one corner is a tribute to the division's heroes the names of the 155 troops from the division and its attached units who died in Iraq. Standing in front of their names is a mannequin wearing an actual uniform belonging to Staff Sgt. Raymond Bittinger of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, the divi-sion's first winner of the Silver Star for his bravery during the April 9, 2004, Battle of Baqouba. He is still in Iraq.

Later, Torony said, a uniform from Sgt. Billy Barnes, the first Big Red One soldier to earn a Purple Heart in Iraq, will stand beside it.

Barbara Bower, who retired Jan. 31 as curator of the Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis. Va., has been sorting through thousands of digital images from the Internet, military photographers and individual soldiers. A few will be printed and mounted on the walls of the display, while hundreds more will run as part of video dis-

plays.
"I love doing this kind of stuff," she said. Torony said the display is about two-thirds complete, but

valleys of Kosovo. no date has been set yet for the grand opening. She has been working with the division's historian, Maj. Scott Znamenacek, who has been collecting artifacts for the display in Iraq. He's now back home, she said, and this week will begin working full time to get it fin-

She is confident it will be ready before the 1st ID's official "Welcome Home" ceremony in May, and hopeful she'll be able to lift the curtain as early as

"We're anxious to get it open," she said.



STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Strings

Shauna Holman works on the new Operation Iraqi Freedom display at the 1st Infantry Division Museum near the division headquarters in Würzburg, Germany. The \$70,000 display is about two-thirds finished, said museum Curator Gabriele Torony, and should open sometime this spring, though no date has been set.

USAFE humanitarian projects

U.S. Air Forces in Europe's humanitarian relief program, part of a broader Department of Defense effort, aims to foster good relations with unstable regions worldwide. Below are some examples of USAFE's ongoing projects.



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

USAFE builds ties with humanitarian program

By Russ Rizzo Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN, Germany Much attention is paid to fighting of the War on Terror with bombs and bullets, but Capt. Jack Jackman thinks of it in terms of build-

Jackman a member of U.S. Air Force Europe's acquisition staff, heads a humanitarian program aimed at fostering good relations with some of the most impoverished countries in the world

Jackman currently oversees 25 projects valued at \$3.8 million in countries such as Botswana and Namibia. He works to build solar-powered water wells in Mali, a center for foster children who lost parents to AIDS in Tunisia, and a health care center in

The most recent fruit of Jackman's labor is a community center in a remote village in Namibia that opened Feb. 14. Like all his other projects, Jackman found a contractor within the Air Force to hire local companies to build the center

"You'd be amazed what we can do with little money," Jackman

The humanitarian relief program is part of a larger Department of Defense effort to foster good relations with unstable regions throughout the world that began after the Sept. 11, 2001, ter-rorist attacks. The thinking goes that if the United States helps lift countries out of poverty, people there are less likely to become terrorists and more likely to build strong relationships with the United States, Jackman said. The program also helps coun-

teract a negative image that people in some parts of the world hold of the United States because of wars in the Middle East, Jackman said.

'We want to show that we are also doing positive things," Jackman said. "A school is built and the local vil-



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projects such as the community center in Namibia to the State Department, which approves about half of all proposals, Jackman said. Then the Department of Defense funds the programs, send-ing money to its different branch-

In fiscal 2004, European Command received \$7.12 million to contract out humanitarian work and gave \$1.35 million to the Air Force

Jackman said U.S. Air Force Europe quadrupled the number of humanitarian projects it coordinated under the program in the past year and a half — a trend he hopes will continue.

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Navy honors lifesaving operation from WWII

BY TONY PERRY Los Angeles Times

More than six decades after the fact, the Navy on Sunday will honor a World War II sailor for one of the most famous lifesaving acts of the war.

acts of the war. Retired Vice Adm. Michael L.

Retired Vic Cowan will present a Navy Commendation medal to Retired Lt. Cmdr. Wheeler B. Lipes, who in 1942 per-

formed

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my while serving aboard a submarine in the South

China Sea.

Lipes was a hospital corpsman aboard the Seadragon when a fellow sailor suffered a severe appendicitis attack. Without a doctor on board and unable to surface for fear of drawing enemy fire, the sub's commander gave Lipes permission to perform the operation with improvised equip-

ment and no antibiotics.

The incident led to a Pulitzer Prize-winning story by Chicago Daily News reporter George Weller, who interviewed Lipes and other crewmembers after the sub returned to port in Australia.

The story, published in papers across the country, caused a sensation among Americans eager for uplifting news in the early stages of the war.

Hollywood used the appendici-

tis incident in the submarine movies "Destination Tokyo" and "Run Silent, Run Deep." It was also the subject of a television documentary in the 1950s.

But the Navy never formally recognized Lipes, now 85, for saving the life of shipmate Darrell

Dean Rector.

In fact, doctors who ran the Navy's medical service during World War II were annoyed that Lipes had practiced medicine without a license.

Two years ago Cowan — who until recently was the Nay's surgeon general — heard of the Lipes incident and decided to correct the Navy's oversight. Lipes' resourcetliness, Cowan told a gathering of Navy doctors and corpsmen in San Diego, exemplifies the kind of "can-do" spirit needed to provide emergency care for frontline personnel during the war in Iraq.

The chief of naval operations approved a medal for Lipes. But before it could be awarded, the former sailor was diagnosed with

So on Sunday, Cowan is scheduled to make the presentation to Lipes at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, near Lipes' home in New Bern, N.C.

The commendation praises Lipes for his "resourcefulness and skillful and heroic surgical intervention under highly unfavorable conditions."

Lipes retired from the Navy in 1962 and went on to become a hospital executive. Rector did not survive the war; he was aboard the submarine Tang when it was sunk in 1944 during an attack on a Japanese transport.



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Staff Sgt.
Benjamin
Bradley, right,
shows students
how to defeat an opponent in
Brazilian jujitsu
with an ankle
lock during a
recent practice
session in
Hohenfels,
Germany.

'Computer geek' becomes fighting machine off duty

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany
t the end of their weekly
sparring session in Brazilian jujitsu, the students in Staff Sgt. Benjamin Bradley's martial arts class
shuffled around sheepishly, wait-

ing for someone else to volunteer. None of the students seemed to want to be the first through "the gaumlet," an exercise that requires each student to attack his teacher alone, and one-by-one, be systematically wrestled into a painful arm lock or chokehold and forced to submit by tapping the ground to signal surrender. Though the lean, compact Brad-Though the lean, compact Brad-

Though the lean, compact Bradley doesn't impart a particularly intimidating physical presence while on the mat, the students know they have good reason to avoid grappling with the signal support systems specialist from Hohenfels' 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment.

Four good reasons, to be exactone for each of his black belts in tae kwon do, Shotokan karate, judo and Kyokushin karate. Or five if they count his undefeated record in amater Ultimate Fighting Championship-style bouts no-holds-barred cage matches in which combatants wear only minimal padding on their knuckles and feet.

"And I also hox." said the suner

heavyweight silver medalist from last May's U.S. Army Europe boxing championships.

ing cnampionsings. The long list of fighting accomplishments is part of Bradley's life of duality: by day he is a mild-mannered father of threa and self-described "radio and computer geek," while in his free time he turns into a lethal hand-to-hand fighter.





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martial arts and won a silver medal in the Brazilian jujitsu European 2005 (Championships in Lisbon, Portugal, on Jan. 29. He placed first in 2004. "Th

belts in

Job: Signal support systems specialist with 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany

Age: 2

Family: Wife, Stacey; three children, Bria, Jordan and Nikolas

Hometown: Fort Lauderdale

Stars and Strip

Though Bradley understands the art of agonizing joint manipulation and gets regular practice in choking people to the point of unconsciousness, he's pretty evenkeeled outside of the ring, said Pfc. Matthew Green, a student and coworker of Bradley's from the 1-4 Regiment.

Green said Bradley often taunts other soldiers with a goodnatured challenge for a boxing or karate match, but usually isn't serious. As a boss, Bradley's management style is much like his teaching method, Green said. He's attentive to detail and insistent that his students and coworkers get things right, he said.

"He's really easy to work for ...
as long as you do your job right,"

Green said.

Green got a chance to know Bradley better in late January when the two entered the Brazilian jujitsu European 2005 Championships in Lisbon, Portugal. Bradley took home the gold in his

for the 29-year-old staff sergeant, the Lisbon event was a return to competition after shattering his elbow in a car accident near Hohenfels last June.

"They were sure I'd be able to keep my arm," he said of his original prognosis. Doctors eventually inserted two metal plates and five screws in his arm to rebuild the joint

"I still don't have full range of motion," he said, trying to straighten his arm all the way. "But I can work with it."

Following four months of physical therapy, Bradley was on the mat to defend his title. Working his way to the finals, he took silver in the blue belt super heavy division, losing his final match on points.

"I think it was a good showing, considering I'd been in a car accident," he said.

Bradley said he will eventually work his way up to black belt in Brazilian jujitsu, but the process takes years, even with two healthy elbows.

"You earn it," Bradley said.
"From every submission and
every tap and every throw, you
earn it," he said.

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Recruit's death investigation grows

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Four more Marines have been suspended while authorities investigate the death of a recruit who died during a training exercise, military officials said Saturday. The four Marines saw a drill instructor grab re-

The four Marines saw a drill instructor grab recruit Jason Tharp by the shirt and hit him in the chest, according to a video shot by Columbia television station WIS a day before Tharp died. The drill instructor was suspended earlier. Tharp, of Sutton, W.Va., drowned Feb. 8 in a swimming pool while participating in a water-survival training course at Parris Island.

Military officials have acknowledged the drill in-

structor's actions violated regulations.

Capt. Jamie Nott, a Parris Island spokesman, would not give the name or rank of any of the suspended Marines.

From wire reports

New U.S.-Iraqi operation targets insurgents

Joint military mission focuses on troubled cities west of Baghdad

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After two days of suicide bombings nationwide that killed nearly 100 people, U.S. Marines and Iraqi security forces launched a joint operation Sunday to crack down on insurgents in troubled cities west of Baghdad, as the military announced the death of another soldier.

The joint U.S-Iraqi operation was under way in several Euphrates River cities in Anhar province, including Hit, Baghdadi, Hadithah and the provincial capital, Ramadi, where authorities imposed a curfew from p.m. to 6 am., the military said in a statement.

"The security measures in and around the provincial capital are designed to ensure the safety of the populace by controlling access into the city," the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said in a statement.

"Access control points leading into the city will screen vehicles for terrorists and insurgents as well as weapons, munitions and materials to produce improvised-explosive devices," or homemade bombs, the statement said. Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad,

has long been a center of insurgent activity.

In Baghdad, Shiites stung by a string of bombings attended services in fortified funeral tents in hooes of avoiding a third straight

day of attacks.

On Saturday, eight suicide bombers struck in a wave of attacks that killed 55 people as Iraqi Shiites commemorated Ashura, the holiday marking the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad in a sey-

enth-century battle for leadership of the Islamic world. Similar attacks Friday killed 36 people and injured dozens.

Shiite politicians, poised to take power for the first time in Iraq's modern history, have vowed not to allow the bloodshed to begin a civil war. On Sunday, a roadside bomb in Baghdad tar-



An Iraqi soldier stands guard Sunday over 92 Iranian and Afghan people arrested for trying to enter the country illegally without documents in the southern town of Basra in the lead up to Saturday's Shife holy day of Ashura.

geting a convoy of Iraqi troops killed two Iraqi National Guardsmen, police 1st Lt. Ali Hussein al-Hamadani said. That same day, Iraq's major Sunni Arab tribes and political parties met in Baghdad to discuss their roles in the new government elected Jan. 30 and the drafting of Iraq's new constitution.

Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Muslim and head of the Iraqis Party list of candidates that won five parliamentary seats in the election, was to attend the meeting with the Sunni parties and tribes.

The government said two alleged terrorists were killed in a Feb. 11 raid in Baghdad. It identified the two as Abu al-lzz and Adel Mujtaba, known as Abu Rim, who the government said "disseminated propaganda" for the al-Qaida leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zar-qawi, and created "terrorist Web sites."

Al-Jazeera television aired a videotape Sunday purporting to show al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri denouncing U.S. calls for reform in the region and urging the West to respect the Islamic world. Al-Zawahri, who appeared sitting on the ground and in front of a brown background, said the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, "explains the truth about reforms and democracy that America alleges it wants to impose in our countries."

"Real security is based on mutual cooperation with the Islamic nation on the basis of mutual respect and the stopping of aggression,"

Al-Jazeera reported that the excerpt was part of a longer videotape, but it did not indicate the length of the entire tape. In Washington, the CIA said it was trying to determine its authenticity.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,478 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,117 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is 15 higher

The AP count is 15 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One Marine killed Saturday in action in Anbar province.

■ One U.S. soldier was killed Saturday in a suicide

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Marny Sgt. Timothy R.
Osbey, 34, and Arny Spc. Joseph A. Rahaim, 22, both of
Magnolia, Miss.; died Wednesday in Iskandariyah, Iraq,
after their vehicle rolled when
a road collapsed; assigned to
the Army National Guard's 1st
Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment. McComb Miss.

Senators upbeat on Iraq despite security threats

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — As 55 people died from terrorist attacks in Iraq on Saturday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said that much of Iraq was "functioning quite well" and that the rash of suicide attacks was a sign that the insurgency was failing.

"The concerted effort to disrupt the elections was an abject failure. Not one polling place was shut down or overrun," Clinton said inside the U.S.-protected Green Zone, a sprawling complex of sandbagged buildings surrounded by blast walls and tanks. The zone is home to the Iraqi goverrment and the U.S. Embassy.

The five-member U.S. congressional delegation arrived in Baghdad as a series of suicide bombings and explosions killed 55 people, including an American solder. Much of the violence was aimed at Shite Muslims, commemorating Ashura, the festival marking the seventh century death of a leader of their sect.

"The fact that you have these suicide bombers now, wreaking such hatred and violence while people pray, is to me, an indication of their failure," Clinton said.
The senate delegation included
Republicans John McCain of Arizona, Susan Collins of Maine,
Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Wisconsin Democrat Russ

Feingold.

All but Feingold are members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which oversees the

committee, which oversees the defense department budget. Clinton said the last time she visited Iraq in late 2003, she traveled to the Green Zone by road

from the international airport.

Today, security is so bad that none of the senators dared drive through Baghdad's streets, even in armored cars. Aside from the Green Zone, their only glimpse of the capital came from the relative

safety of U.S. military helicopters

that ferried them from the air-

port.
"It's regrettable that the security needs have increased so much.
On the other hand, I think you can
look at the country as a whole and
see that there are many parts of
Iraq that are functioning quite
well," Clinton said.

Collins, who last visited Iraq in mid-2003, said the increased violence was "disappointing." A year-and-a-half ago. "we

A year-and-a-half ago, "we

were able to move more freely in Baghdad," she said. "And one impression I have is how much more fortified Baghdad is than it was during that summer."

But Collins said much had been achieved since then, above all, the June handover of sovereignty from U.S. authorities to Iraq's interim government.

On Sunday, the senators will visit U.S. troops in other parts of

McCain said his delegation met Saturday with interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who is leading the American push to train Iraqi security forces so U.S. troops can eventually leave.

Clinton and McCain have often challenged the Pentagon's planning and its management of the

Iraq war.

"I've said many times that we've made serious mistakes, and we've paid a very heavy price for those mistakes." McCain said.

"We have a long, hard, difficult struggle ahead of us, but I'm far more optimistic than I was before the election, because the Iraqi people proved that they would brave the risk of their very lives



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U.S. senators speak to the media Saturday inside the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad. They are, from left to right, Susan Collins, Hillary Clinton and John McCain, who, along with Sens. Russell Feingold and Lindsey Graham were in Iraq to meet with the country's inter-

in order to choose their government," he said. "To me, that's very encouraging."

Graham said the U.S. military was unlikely to withdraw anytime soon.

"The one thing I've learned from this trip is that we're a long way away from being able to leave. That is, if the Iraqi people want us to stay, we're gonna' be here for a while, in large numbers," Graham said. "I ask the American people to be patient, because what happens here will affect our security back home." Exhilarating, Exciting...



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U.S. doubles troops inside Afghan army

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military has doubled the number of its soldiers embedded inside the Afghan army, a spokesman said Sunday, bolstering a force that's supposed to relieve American and NATO troops in warlord-plagued provinces and along the Pakistani border.

A group of 288 U.S. National Guard soldiers arrived in Afghanistan on Friday and Saturday to serve as tactical trainers with the Afghan National Army, joining about 300 already embedded with Afghan units, Maj. Eric Bloom told The Associated Press

"They have begun the one-week training program before they deploy to the field to meet their (Afghan) counterparts," Bloom

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Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top commander of American forces in Afghanistan, requested the extra troops to accelerate the training of a 70,000-strong government force designed to tackle renegade faction leaders and remmants of the ousted Taliban.

With both the United States and Britain considering a long-term "strategic partnership" with Afghanistan, it is unclear just when the new Afghan force will allow foreign troops to begin reducing their expensive deployment here since the ouster of the Taliban in 2001. Starting in March, six battalions are to be trained simultaneously with the aim of having the entire force ready by December 2006, nine months earlier than originally planned, officials said earlier this month.

Barno has suggested that the American contingent of 17,000 could be trimmed this year if a reconciliation drive with Taliban followers takes off, though there is scant evidence that it is producing results.

However, U.S. commanders insist the new troops are proving excellent allies in combat operations against militants near the Pakistani borders and that the multiethnic army is accepted by villagers in the Pashtun-dominated south, where the Taliban drew their main strength.

Meanwhile, a caller identifying himself as a former defense minister for the ousted Taliban regime said that Afghanistan's harshest winter in years is curbing Taliban attacks on U.S. and government forces, insisting the guerrilla campaign will resume once the weather eases.

"We will step up attacks as the weather changes," the caller, who said he was Mullah Obaidullah Akhund, told The Associated Press.

The U.S. military says that three years after the fall of the Taliban the hard-line militia's resistance is waning. The military says it is still conducting operations during the traditionally quieter winter months but has reported few contacts with insurreents.



The Washington P

A Marine from Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, Fifth Regiment, 1st Marine Division patrols a street in the northern portion of Fallujah. The house is marked with an "X" to indicate that U.S. and Iraqi security forces have checked and cleared it for weapons. The family who returned there has written "There is family" to indicate civilians inside.

U.S. feeling pressure to rebuild Fallujah

BY JACKIE SPINNER The Washington Post

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A few days before U.S. ground forces invaded her city in early November, Raja Hamdi Hussein locked the gate of Taburak primary school, where she is director of girls, and fled to Baghdad to wait out the assault.

out the assault. When she returned this month, she looked around the school and cried, Hussein said in her small office, cold from the wind that was blowing in through shattered windows. The white walls were covered with messages that U.S. troops presumably left when they searched the premises for insurgents and weapons.

"Fallujah Kill Bodys," one message read. "USA No. 1," said another. And on a wall behind her, next to framed verses from the Koran, the Islamic holy book: "We came. We saw. We took over all.

P.S. To help you."

Like many residents who have returned to Fallujah, Hussein is not sure how she feels about the military operation that silenced a terrifying insurgency but left the city in ruins and with an occupying force whose armored vehicles roam the streets.

"We were hoping the Americans would bring us a better life than we had," she said.

As the battlefield is gradually transformed into a construction zone, U.S. officials acknowledge that they have a limited amount of time to establish faith among residents eager for life to return to normal. If they do not rebuild the city quickly enough, the officials say, they risk losing their al-ready tenuous support, a potentially dangerous situation with insugents still reported in the city.

"We have a matter of weeks to get this right," said Col. John R. Ballard, commander of the Marine 4th Civil Affairs Group, based in Washington.U.S. forces are working with local contractors and the Iraqi government to restore electricity and services. In the two months since residents were allowed both in the civiopened 10 schools, three medical clinics and two hospitals.

Current list of Iraq coalition members hard to come by

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sometimes it's hard to know who your friends are — even if they're helping you

President Bush, who hopes to coax more Iraq support from European allies this week, used to boast that 50 nations had joined the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Today, a public listing is nowhere to be found. One thing, though, is clear: The coalition is shrink-

ing.
"I expect to see the coalition countries begin paring down their forces as they complete their contributions," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld

told the House Armed Services Committee last

While a current list of coalition countries — those helping out in Iraq with troops, equipment, monetary or political support — is not easy to come by, there is a public listing of the countries what have actual troops in Iraq. These 20-plus countries, which have combat and support forces in Iraq under the command of Gen. George Casey Jr., make up the multinational force.

Daniel Goure, a Defense Department official in the first Bush administration, said current Bush officials apparently decided to start talking about a "multinational force" instead of a "coalition" to avoid questions about which countries were in or



IN THE WORLD

Israel gives final OK on Gaza pullout

BY RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet gave final approval Sunday to the government's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, marking the first time an Israeli government decid ed to dismantle Jewish settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians for a future

Ministers voted 17-5 for the plan, sealing the political defeat of withdrawal opponents seeking to put the plan to a national referendum. The evacuation of about 9.000 settlers will begin in July and take two months.

Later Sunday, the Cabinet also was to approve the final route of Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank, initially constructed to keep out Palestinian attackers but increasingly seen as a blueprint for a final border between Israel and a future

The barrier would cut off more than 6 percent of the West Bank, about one-third of the land that would have been taken in an earlier plan rejected by Israel's Supreme Court. Expected to run about 425 miles, the harrier is about one-third complete.

With Sunday's twin votes, the government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon began charting Israel's final borders unilaterally, something none of his predecessors have attempted since Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

Sharon, a former patron of settlers, told Cabinet ministers that "it's not an easy day, it's not a happy day," but the withdrawal was vital for Israel's security.

The government plans to allocate \$871 million for the settlers, with compensation depending on the size of a family, whether it owns or rents, what it owns and how long



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, Cabinet Secretary Yisrael Maimon, center, and Vice Premier Shimon Peres attend Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem where Sharon's Cabinet gave final approval of a sum mer withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

The Gaza vote apparently meant to soft-en the sting to the Palestinians of what is widely seen as the de facto annexation of parts of the West Bank.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas reiterated in an interview with the German news magazine Der Spiegel that Israel must dismantle all settlements and halt construction of the barrier

'What right does Israel have to build set-

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Israeli troops killed one Palestinian and wounded a second on suspicion they tried to smuggle arms from Egypt to Gaza. A third man was arrested for interrogation, the army said.

The only way the withdrawal could now be stopped is if Sharon fails to get his 2005 budget passed by March 31. If he has no budget by then, his government automati-

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Bangladesh ferry sinks, killing 81

By FARID HOSSAIN The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh - A double-decker passenger ferry capsized and sank during an over-night tropical storm in Bangladesh, leaving at least 81 people dead and more than 100 missing, rescue officials said Sunday.

The MV Maharaj was carrying about 200 people when it capsized Saturday night on the Buriganga River just outside the capi-

Divers found 44 bodies inside the sunken ferry, while 37 others were plucked from the river, said Nurul Islam, a fire brigade official supervising the rescue work.
"The accident happened in

darkness and it's still unclear how many people died or survived." said Mahbubur Rahman. a local government official.

Some passengers were rescued by villagers and fishing boats.

"We fear many of the missing people are trapped inside the ferry and presumed dead," said Syed Monwar Hossain, an official at state-run Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.

A salvage ship was trying to recover the ferry with cranes and ropes from about 20 feet of water, Hossain said.

The vessel was about 30 minutes into its journey from Dhaka to the eastern town of Chandpur when gusty winds struck just before midnight Saturday. Many of the passengers were going home to see their family ahead of two days of public holiday when it capsized and sank near the town of Pagla.

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British navy promotes equal treatment for gays

The Associated Press LONDON - Britain's navy,

which until five years ago banned gays from its work force, said Monday it is joining a campaign to ensure homosexual employees are fairly treated.

The Royal Navy said it was entering a program organized by gay rights group Stonewall which advises employers on dealing with gay, lesbian and bisexual staff.

The government lifted a ban on gays serving in Britain's armed forces in 2000 after a lengthy campaign spearheaded by Stonewall.

The Ministry of Defense had

said lifting the ban would undermine morale and fighting capability, but the European Court of Human Rights ruled in 1999 that the restriction was a breach of human rights.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said Monday that "the armed forces regard sexual orientation as a private matter.'

Britain's army and air force have not joined the scheme, but the Ministry of Defense spokesman said they are "equally committed to equality and diversity. So far, it's the Navy that has signed up to the Stonewall campaign.



Pakistani Shiite Muslims beat themselves with razor blades attached to chains as self-punishment Saturday

in Islamabad. Pakistan, ahead of Ashura, the holiest day in the Shiite Muslim calender

Pakistan's Shiites mark holy day

Thousands join marches across nation despite fears of suicide attacks

BY NASEER KAKAR

The Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — In an age-old ritual to mark Ashura, the holiest day in the Shiite Muslim calendar, about 20,000 worshippers marched through this southwestern Pakistan city on Sunday despite fears of a suicide attack.

Police said they arrested 36 Sunni Muslim extremists in the three days leading up to the procession through Quetta, to prevent a repeat of last year's violence when a suicide attack on the Shiite devotees left 44 people dead

About 5,000 policemen and 2,000 troops were deployed Sunday, and road blocks were thrown up to limit access into Quetta.

On Ashura — the 10th day in the Islamic month of Muharram —Shiftes mourn the seventh century death of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson Imam Hussein, an event that led to the split in Islam between the Shifte and Sunni sects.

Processions were held across Pakistan, including Karachi, the country's biggest city and often the scene of sectarian violence.

In Quetta, police estimated that

about 20,000-25,000 people took part, beating their chests as they marched. 1Many flailed their bare backs with blades attached to chains to draw blood in a sign

of penitence.
Talib Hussain, a procession organizer, said dozens of mourners passed out because of their bleeding and were treated by doctors following in ambulances.

Most of Pakistan's Sunnis and Shites live peacefully together, but small radical groups on both sides have a violent agenda. About 97 percent of Pakistan's 150 million population is Muslim, and Sunnis outnumber Shittes by a ratio of about 4-to-1.

Irish government: Sinn Fein leaders also command IRA

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — In an unprecedented challenge, the Irish government on Sunday publicly identified three of Sinn Fein's top figures — Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness and Martin Ferris as members of the Irish Republican Army command.

Sinn Fein rejected the accusations, which came as the party faced mounting accusations of involvement in a massive Belfast bank robbery and a wider IRA money-laundering network.

Until Sunday, successive Irish and British governments had declined to identify either Adams or McGuinness as members of the IRA's seven-member command, called the "army council," as part of its efforts to maintain good working relations with Sinn

Fein's two key figures.

But during a live debate on a national radio station, Justice Minister Michael McDowell identified Adams, McGuinness and Ferris

as IRA army council members. The government's foreign minister, Dermot Ahern, later backed that assessment

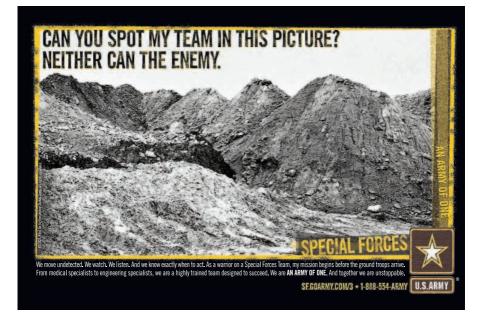
"We're absolutely satisfied that the leadership of Sinn Fein and the IRA are interlinked," Ahern said. McGuinness, who served two

short prison sentences for IRA membership in the mid-1970s, denied the charge. Irish government leaders' new

decision to shine a spotlight on these views comes at an unprecedented moment in Northern Ireland.

For the first time the Irish and British governments and other major parties in Northern Ireland unanimously agree that the IRA's refusal to disarm and disband is the key obstacle to achieving a lasting peace.

By identifying Sinn Fein leaders publicly as leaders overseeing such activity, the Irish government is making its strongest accusations yet of Sinn Fein involvement in crime.



Ex-presidents view Aceh province

Distruction stuns **Bush and Clinton**

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA The Associated Press

LAMPUUK, Indonesia Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton peered from the windows of a heliconter at a vast wasteland of destruction on Sunday, touring Indonesia's tsunami-ravaged Aceh province as the leaders of private U.S. aid efforts for victims of the disaster.

The two men met Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhovono after arriving from Thailand, where they got their first look at the devastation and grief unleashed by the Dec. 26 catastrophe

Bush and Clinton said they came away reassured that Indonesia would channel aid funds in a transparent, effective way

"Nothing turns private donors off more than if they saw waste, or fraud, or something like that," Bush said. "But we don't anticipate that. We're very reassured by what the president said, that it's essential that not only our observers and our NGOs, that the Indonesians go forward with us and with other donor nations to be sure that it's delivered most effectively, less overhead and certainly no corruption."

Indonesia is considered among the world's most corrupt counand local anti-corruption watchdogs are already alleging that officials have been siphoning aid meant for Aceh

By STEPHANIE HOO

The Associated Press

Party official was in the North Korean capital

Sunday seeking a change of heart after Py-

ongyang reportedly rejected any further nego

The head of the party's international depart-

ment, Wang Jiarui, "exchanged views ... on in-

ternational and regional issues" with North

Korea's No. 2 leader Kim Yong Nam, Chinese

China is trying to draw North Korea back to

six-nation talks on its nuclear program - a

task that has taken on greater urgency since

Pyongyang's explosive but unconfirmed decla-

state media reported without elaborating.

tiations over its nuclear weapons program

BELJING - A top Chinese Communist



U.S. military helicopters ferried the two former presidents

China urges North Korea back to talks

ration earlier this month that it has become a

Wang, who arrived in Pyongyang Saturday

for a four-day visit, also planned to meet with

North Korean leader Kim Jong II, according

China's Foreign Ministry said Sunday it had

Chinese state television sought to put a posi

tive spin on the talks, citing comments by the

North's U.N. envoy, Han Sung Ryol, to a South

Korean newspaper on Thursday that his coun-

try would return to talks under certain "pre-

conditions," namely that the United States

But China's state news agency, Xinhua, re-ported Saturday that the North had reiterated

drop its "hostile policy" toward Pyongyang.

to South Korea's Munhwa Ilbo newspaper.

no immediate comment on Wang's trip

and their entourage from the pro vincial capital Banda Aceh over a barren, desert-like landscape stretching deep inland from the coastline, to the village of Lampuuk, where the sole structure left standing is a large white mosque.

The village had 6 500 inhabitants before the disaster. Only 700

"I've never seen anything like this in my entire life. Ever," Bush

Clinton asked a villager, Akhi Sukri, what the survivors needed

nuclear power.

most. "Everything," Sukri re-

Standing amid the debris of Lampuuk, Clinton said that seeing the destruction first-hand helped him understand how so many people died. The official tsunami death toll ranges from 169,070 to 178,118. The number of missing is believed to be as high as 128,426, with most pre-

sumed dead. Bush and Clinton later flew on to the USS Fort McHenry, a vessel that has ferried supplies, rice, water and clothing to shore. They thanked troops, posed for photographs with them and donned

Russia

baseball caps with the ship's insig-

Former Presi-

dents George

H.W. Rush

center, and

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The United States deployed a carrier battle group and about 20 elicopters for relief operations off Aceh's western coast - its higgest military operation in South-

ast Asia since the Vietnam War. Washington has pledged \$950 million for relief efforts for the tsunami-hit countries.

The two former presidents were asked by current President Bush, the elder Bush's son, to lead the U.S. effort to provide vate aid to tsunami victims. They were to arrive later Sunday in Sri Lanka and planned to visit the Maldives on Monday.

its participation in six-party talks with the

United States, South Korea, China, Japan and

since late 2002 North Korea has demanded

more aid and a peace treaty with Washington

in exchange for abandoning nuclear develop

talks with Washington but withdrew that offer

on Saturday, citing what it called the United

States' persistent attempts to topple the com-

lateral talks ... on the nuclear issue of the Kore-

an Peninsula with the United States now." Xin-

hua quoted an unnamed spokesman as saving.

North Korea "has no justification to take bi-

munist regime, Xinhua said.

North Korea had also sought one-on-one

During three rounds of talks in Beijing

Second head removed

CAIRO, Egypt - Egyptian doctors on Saturday removed an undeveloped head that was linked to the skull of a 10-month-old girl, an official from the health ministry said.

Ahmed Barakat said sureons at a hospital in the Nile Delta town of Benha, some 25 miles north of Cairo, treated the baby for craniopagus parasiticus, a rare birth defect where a child's skull is linked to the head of an undeveloped twin. The rudimentary head is usually thought to be parasitic.

He said the operation on Saturday lasted about 13 hours and that the girl, Manar, is now in intensive care.

"She is fine and doctors are trying to prevent any complications," he said.

A senarate twin sister Noora, is healthy after initial complications.

The twin sisters were horn on March 30 last year.

Rabies-infected lung

FRANKFURT, Germany A German woman has died of rabies weeks after receiving a lung from a donor who was later found to be infected with the disease, hospital officials in Hanover said Sunday.

Two other patients who also received organs from the same 26-year-old donor remain hospitalized in critical condition in the cities of Marburg and Hannoversch Muenden. The donor showed no symptoms of rabies at the time of her death, health officials have said.

Doctors at the Hanover School of Medicine had been treating the woman, who died late Saturday, with the antiviral drug ribavirin and a combination of other medicines similar to a cocktail credited with saving the life of a rabies-infected teenager in the United

Three more patients who received organs from the same donor are still healthy.

In September a cocktail of drugs including ribavirin was given to Jeanna Giese, 15, after she was bitten by a bat at a Wisconsin church. Giese became the first person known to survive rabies without vaccina-

4 kids slain in China

BEIJING - Two men broke into a skating rink in China's far northwest and killed four children, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Sun-

The report didn't speculate on a possible motive. Calls to area police rang unanswered Sunday night.

The men also seriously injured at least eight other children after they crashed into the rink on the third floor of a shopping center Sunday afternoon in Shanshan, a county in the northwestern region of Xin-

jiang, Xinhua said. It didn't say what weapon they used.

One of the men jumped out of the building and died, and the other was arrested by police, the report said. From The Associated Press

Two Americans found dead in central Mexico Family members identified the killings, an indication that drug

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - The bullet-riddled bodies of two U.S. citizens have been found in the central Mexican state of Michoacan. U.S. and Mexican authorities said Saturday.

The bodies of the Americans were with two other bodies found on Friday near Tacambaro, about 150 miles west of Mexico City.

U.S. victims as Omar Chavez and Alejandro Munoz of Dallas, said Embassy spokeswo Diana Page. Munoz was a U.S.

Army reservist.

The bodies of Mexicans Mariano Perez and Delfino Perez also were recovered, said Ignacio Roque, spokesman for the Michoacan state attorney general's office. An assault rifle was used in the

day said the investigation remains in the hands of local prosecutors. The U.S. State Department issued the travel alert in January. telling Americans that violent

But the federal attorney gener-

al's office, which can intervene in

organized crime cases, on Satur-

media reports.

crime related to drug trafficking. including murder and kidnaptrafficking groups may have been involved, according to local ping, had increased in northern Mexico along the U.S. border.

The four men had disappeared more than a week ago, and the bodies already showed signs of decomposition when discovered.

While the men appeared to have been shot to death, state authorities were performing autopsies. Roque said.

IN THE STATES

Bush hopes to mend ties with European leaders

By TOM RAIM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush is extending an olive branch to European leaders who opposed his Iraq policies. Recent international developments, plus a whirlwind charm offensive by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have holstered the prospects for a trans-Atlantic reconciliation.

Bush's own re-election, along with elections in Iraq and the Palestinian territories have helped nut Bush and most Euro-

pean leaders on the same page. "My trip to Europe is to seize the moment and invigorate a relationship that is a vital relationship for our own security, as well as ... for long-term peace in the world," Bush said ahead of the five-day visit that was begin-

Analysis

ning Sunday. On the first overseas trip of his second term, the president also hopes to increase

pressure on Iran and Syria During her well-received tour of Europe and the Middle East this month, Rice said the United States "stands ready to work with Europe on our common agenda, and Europe must stand ready to work with America.

Even so, Bush has a history of alienating leaders on the continent with blunt words and actions that many Europeans associate with a cowboy. Polls show that Bush remains unpopular in Europe.
"There are a lot of people in Europe who

don't really comprehend how this guy got re-elected. There's a basic distrust of him and his administration. But everybody also realizes he's going to be around for the next four years," said Ivo Daalder, an expert on Europe for President Clinton's National Security Council staff.

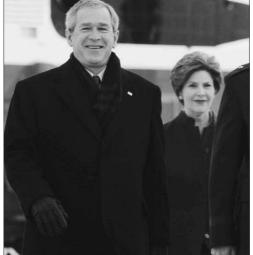
The real question is whether the president and the Europeans are willing to engage in a serious dialogue or continue to talk past each other." Daalder said

It could be a big order.

Even apart from Iraq, the United States and Europe have wide differences on trade, Iran and the Kyoto global warming pact. Then there is Europe's aspirations for its own military force and the jurisdiction of an international criminal court Also, Europe is proposing to end a 15-year-old arms embargo against China and is upset by a weak U.S. dollar that is squeezing European exporters.
"Expectations should be kept in check,"

said Julianne Smith of the Center for Stra-tegic and International Studies. "The trip itself is an important symbolic gesture but it will not succeed in eliminating deep strate gic differences.

The president is stopping in Belgium, Germany and Slovakia. He will attend NATO and European Union meetings and hold separate meetings with three of the most vocal critics of the U.S.-led war in Iraq: French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Russian President Vladimir Putin.



Hundreds protest visit in Brussels

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European leaders will

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from their people.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush walk toward Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington on Sunday en route to Brussels, Belgium.

President arrives in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium - President Bush's arrived in Brussels Sunday to begin a five-day conciliatory swing through Europe to heal the trans-Atlantic rift that opened during his first term, notably over the Iraq war.

Bush and his wife, Laura, ar-rived aboard Air Force One, the presidential plane, that landed at the Brussels airport in cold, windy weather at 9 p.m. CET. They were met by Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt and three U.S. ambassadors in Brussels, one each for the European Union, the NATO alliance and Belgium.

The president is making stops in Germany and Slovakia over five days. He will attend NATO and European Union meetings and hold separate meetings with three of the most vocal critics of the U.S.-led war in Iraq: French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroedand Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Other prickly issues on the agenda will be European negotiations aimed at persuading Iran to abandon its nuclear program and plans Europe's to scrap

15-year ban on selling weapons to



A caricature of President Bush was part of a protest against his pending arrival in Belgium on Sunday

BY ROBERT WIELAARD The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Hundreds of demonstrators protested President Bush's visit Sunday, hours before he was to arrive

Rush will meet with more than two dozen European leaders during a tour aimed at healing the trans-At-lantic rift that opened during his first term, notably over the Iraq

"He is coming to persuade and influ-ence the European

leaders. We are afraid the European leaders will distance themselves from their peo-' said Pol de Vos, one of about anti-Bush protesters marching peacefully in downtown Brussels.

Police have mounted an unprecedented ecurity operation for the visit, deploying 2,500 officers - 1,000 more than usually deployed for the three or four summits that

bring European Union leaders to the Belgian capital each

> An alliance of 88 environmental, human rights, peace and other groups have planned protests near the U.S. Embassy for Monday and near the

Pol de Vos

EU headquarters on Tuesday The Web site of the 'Stop Bush' alliance accused Bush of "crimes against humanity," saying he undermines international law and is an obsta-

cle to the fight against global warming. Secret tapes reveal candidate Bush's concerns, strategies

NEW YORK - Private conversations with George Bush secretly taped by an old friend before he was elected president foreshadow some of his political strategies and appear to reveal that he acknowledged using marijuana, The New York Times reported Saturday

The conversations were recorded by Doug Wead, a former aide to George W. Bush's father, beginning in 1998, when

Bush was weighing a presidential bid, until just before the Republican National Convention in 2000, the Times said in a story posted on its Web site

The tapes show Bush crafting a strategy for navigating the tricky political waters between Christian conservative and

He is heard repeatedly worrying that evangelicals would be angered by a refusal to bash gavs and that secular Americans would be turned off by meetings with evangelical leaders.

On one tape, Bush explains that he told one prominent evangelical that he would not "kick gays, because I'm a sinner. How can I differentiate sin?

In early tapes, Bush dismisses the strength of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for the nomination and expresses concern about rival Steve Forbes

Bush also criticizes then-Vice President

Al Gore for admitting marijuana use and explains why he would not do the same.

explains why ne would not do the same.
"I wouldn't answer the marijuana questions," he said, according to the Times.
"You know why? Because I don't want some little kid doing what I tried."

The White House did not deny the au

thenticity of the tapes.

"The governor was having casual conver-

sations with someone he believed was his friend," White House spokesman Trent Duffy said, referring to Bush.

NAACP knocks Bush's Social Security plan

BY ERIN TEXEIRA The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Denouncing President Bush's plan for Social Security reform as one that would disproportionately hurt blacks, NAACP leaders asked to meet with president to discuss the issue, the

NAACP chairman announced Saturday Julian Bond, speaking at a news confer-ence during the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual meeting here, also said he expects to name the Baltimore-based organization's

new president by July. "I want someone with the fund-raising ability of Bill Gates, with the oratorical abil-

Group's leaders seek meeting with president

ity of Martin Luther King and the managerial ability of someone who's managed big, big things successfully and done well said Bond, who has repeatedly declined to identify potential candidates.

A search committee has interviewed more than 200 candidates to replace Kweisi Mfume, who was NAACP president for nine years and resigned in December.

Last week, NAACP leaders asked to meet with the president, submitting a letter to the White House that detailed their concerns over education and unemploy-

ment, but focused largely on Bush's plan to privatize Social Security.

"This proposal is extremely dangerous to us," said Hilary O. Shelton, the NAACP's Washington bureau chief.

Among married couples, twice as many blacks as whites rely on Social Security for their entire retirement income, and blacks in their 50s are twice as likely to become disabled as whites, he said.

But Bush says blacks would stand to benefit from his privatization plan because, on average, they die earlier than whites and ties in education and health, Bond said.

receive benefits.

That argument has rankled many black

leaders who denounced the president for trying to capitalize on the life-expectancy problem — one they say is rooted in health disparities and urban violence - rather than solve it.

"It's disingenuous for him in the context of this debate to raise those issues, to use those numbers to support an initiative that's flawed on its surface," Shelton said. In other goals for 2005, the association also plans to curb police brutality by setting up watchdog groups, to urge removal of the Confederate flag from South Caroli-na's statehouse and to reduce racial dispari-

Washington lags behind as polls ask Americans for best president

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - When Americans rate their greatest president, they do not agree on who tops the list, but seem to rank a half-dozen chief executives ahead of the nation's first

George Washington tied for sixth place in one re-

George Washington tied for sixth piace in one re-cent poll and rated seventh in another.

"Let's face it, 'First in war, first in peace, and sev-enth in the hearts of his countrymen,' doesn't sound very impressive," said Ted Widmer, a professor of his-

tory at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. Shortly after Washington's death in 1799, Congress adopted the description Henry Lee used in his eulogy



President Abraham Lincoln has been labeled the nation's greatest president by the American people, according to a recent poll.

of his fellow Virginian: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his country-

But in a poll commissioned by Washington College for President's Day, President's Day, Americans rated Abraham Lincoln as the greatest president. A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll put Ronald Reagan on top.

Asked who was the greatest presi-dent, 20 percent of those polled chose Lincoln. Reagan was picked by 15 percent. Franklin D. Roosevelt by 12 percent, John F. Kennedy by 11 per-cent, Bill Clinton

by 10 percent and George W. Bush by 8 percent. Washington was picked by 6 percent. In the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, Reagan had 20 percent, followed by Clinton and Lincoln in the mid-teens and then Roosevelt and Kennedy at 12 per-

The poll done for the college looked at how much the public knows about Washington and found that 46 percent knew that Washington led the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

Two-thirds knew his wife's name, Martha, and that

he lived at Mount Vernon, his estate on the banks of

the Potomac River in Virginia. "You learn about George Washington in elementary school," said Charles Quigley, executive director of the Center for Civic Education. "The push toward ac-countability and testing in math and reading has tended to diminish greatly the amount of time spent on social studies

A lifetime of good work cut short

Growing up in Ohio, slain nun learned compassion, love for the environment

> BY JAMES HANNAH The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio - Growing up during the post-Depression years with nine brothers and sisters, Dorothy Stang learned early about compassion. She and her siblings were allowed 1 inch of water in the bathtub to wash and another to rinse, but at the same time their parents opened their house to the homeless and cared for anyone

Those lessons compelled Stang to leave high school for a convent after her junior year, leading to 39 years of missionary work in Brazil, where she tried to help the poor and prevent loggers, ranchers and land speculators from destroying the Amazon jungle.

At age 73, the nun who rode a motorcycle, wore hand-painted T-shirts and craved chunky peanut butter was shot six times at close range on Feb. 12.

Authorities said Saturday that a suspect in the killing surrendered to police. Amair Freiioli da Cunha, known as Tato, was taken into custody after turning himself in to police in Altamira, a city about 82 miles from where Stang was shot, police said.

Two purported gunmen and a rancher accused of ordering the slaying remained on the lose, police investigator Ana Indira Vaz said. Arrest warrants for Cunha and the three other suspects had been issued Monday.

Cunha allegedly was the intermediary who hired the gunmen on behalf of rancher Vitamiro Goncalves Moura, known as Bida, police said. Authorities claim Moura ordered the killing. Thousands of mourners held an

all-night vigil and filed past Stang's coffin in the jungle town of Anapu. On Thursday, Brazil's president ordered the creation of a huge environmental protection area in the lawless region.

Stang, a naturalized Brazilian, had helped poor residents grow vegetables plant trees, set up a flour mill and build a small dam for electricity.

Letters to her family reflected her growing concern for the region including Anapu, home of 7,000 people.

We're in the midst of serious land problems, as the rich just can't let the needy also have something to earn their daily bread," she said in a 2002 let-

Stang, known as "Dot" by her family, grew up on the outskirts of Dayton, the fifth of 10 children. There was a barn.



Barbara Richardson becomes emotional Wednesday as she talks about her sister Dorothy Stang during a memorial service at Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. Stang was shot to death in the town of Anapu, Brazil, while doing missionary work. Richardson said Stang's compassion sprang from her family's willingness during her childhood to open their home to strangers.

chickens, rabbits, a river and a back vard where Stang often hit home runs over the clothesline. Her father, Henry, a chemical engi-

neer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, believed in wasting nothing. Tire treads were used to resole shoes. Apple and potato peels were saved for

compost. That frugality lead to her environmentalism, and her compas-

sion sprang from the family's openness to strangers, said one of Stang's vounger sisters. Barbara Richard-

"We took in everybody," said Richardson, of Dayton. "They'd stay a week, two weeks, until they got a job at

one of the factories

In high school, Stang worked for the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, making dressings and bandages. That experience prompted her to leave Julienne High School and enter a Cincinnati convent

Two of her brothers became priests. She taught at a Catholic middle school in Chicago and was a missionary in Arizona, helping American Indi-

ans and migrant workers. From Brazil, Stang sent relatives phothat showed her wearing wire-rimmed glasses and a wooden cru-

cifix while riding a burro or her mud-caked, off-road motorcycle. "She didn't want anybody to think she dressed better, had more, or did dif-

ferent than the people," Richardson "She was a little old nun," she said. "Who ever thought anybody would kill

Suspect's release angers Denver residents

Man allegedly sexually abused five after admitting to earlier attack

The Associated Press

DENVER - As a serial rape suspect returned to Denver in handcuffs, about 250 people gathered outside a store owned by one of the victims and expressed anger that the man had been allowed to go free after allegedly confessing to another

Brent J. Brents is a suspect in five sexual assaults on women and girls earlier this month in Denver - crimes committed after police said he confessed to an earlier attack but was released

He was arrested late Friday in western Colorado while driving a car believed to have been taken from a woman whom he

Denver Saturday and held in lieu of \$25 million bail

At the rally Saturday outside a pet shop, residents shouted and shook noisemakers when a friend of the victim asked how many were angry and baffled that Brents had been freed after previous allegations against him.

"Acts of violence against women and children cannot be tolerated," the owner's fiancé told the crowd

Brents, 35, was accused late last year of inappropriately touching a former girlfriend's 8-year-old son but never arrested, despite allegedly telling officers the boy was telling the truth.

Aurora Police Chief Ricky Bennett has

additional investigation was needed.

Brents had been released from prison months earlier after being sent to a state hospital for about three years and then to prison for 14 years for raping a young boy and a girl.

He was linked by DNA evidence to the string of rapes in Denver, police said, and is also a suspect in an October sexual as-

He was arrested Friday after allegedly beating a woman and stealing her car and cell phone. The victim of Friday's attack was in serious but stable condition at a Denver hospital, police said.

Police tracked calls made from the sto len phone and arrested Brents about 150

woman whom police described as a victim, but they did not immediately disclose whether she had been kidnapped

The string of rapes in Denver began Feb. 11 with the rape of the 44-year-old pet shop owner and another woman blocks away. Brents is also a suspect in the sexual assaults on two 11-year-old sisters and their 67-year- old grandmother, according to an arrest warrant.

Police encouraged other possible victims to come forward. "We have significant reason to believe

that there are many, many additional victims," said Dave Fisher, the police department's chief of investigations

Officer killed

CHICAGO - An off-duty correctional officer shot and killed a friend and co-worker Saturday whom he mistakenly believed was trying to carriack a vehicle being driven by his wife, police said

Arlin McClendon, 36, was killed while trying to pull a joke on a longtime friend in an area where two dozen carjackings have occurred in less than a year, authorities said.

"It is a tragic accident, a case of mistaken identity," said Calu-met City police Sgt. Larry Smith. **EXCHANGE RATES**

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Little lions, big task



Boy found guilty

MARIETTA, Ohio

Nikko Jow, 7, left, and Ray Gamboa, 12, with the San Francisco Police Department Lion Dancers, prepare to lead the Chinese New Year's parade up Market Street to Chinatown in San Francisco on Saturday.

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Cash rewards

Cash is king, goes the maxim, and a new survey suggests that is especially true for credit card reward programs.

Consumers are far more interested in cash back and other such monetary rebates than they are enamored of a first-class airline upgrade or a

free trip from reward points. More than 65 percent of those

surveyed said cash back was preferable to free travel (34 percent) or special benefits or up-grades (33 percent).

The survey involved 1,000 people in an October online survey conducted by Maritz Loyalty Marketing, part Louis-based Maritz Inc. of

12-year-old boy was convicted Saturday in the shotgun slayings of his aunt and grandmother. He was expected to be imprisoned Bryan Christopher Sturm told

investigators he shot his grandmother at her southeast Ohio home on Nov. 22 because she constantly criticized him, according to an affidavit filed by the Washington County sheriff's office.

He said his aunt was accidentally shot in the head when she grabbed the gun.

From wire reports

Residents won't leave homes for expansion

BY MATT APUZZO The Associated Press

NEW LONDON, Conn. - Fifteen houses are all that remain of Fort Trumbull, a once vibrant immigrant neighborhood flattened into expanses of rutted grass and

gravel. The homes stand in defiance of New London's plan to pave the way for a riverfront hotel and convention center, offices and upscale condominiums.

Refusing the city's efforts to get them to leave, seven families are going before the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday, arguing that the city has no right to take their private property solely for economic development. The rebellious homeowners include an elderly Italian immigrant, a mechanic and a former deli owner.

"It's a case of the rich eating the poor," said Matthew Dery, who lives in one of four houses. "Sometimes the poor are difficult to di-

Leading the charge is Susette Kelo, a 47-year-old nurse who bought her home in 1997.

But Kelo's apricot-colored house, with a decorative outhouse in the front yard and wind chimes made of silverware, doesn't fit in the city's development plans.

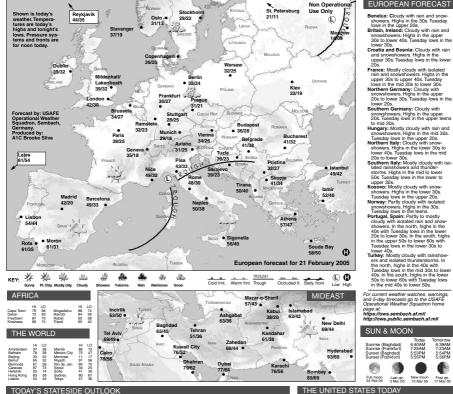
"They just would not be compatible with all the other uses," said Edward O'Connell, an attorney rep-resenting the New London Development Corp., the quasi-public agency behind the redevelopment

Whether building highways or public offices, laying railroad tracks or eliminating blight, governments have long relied on eminent domain laws to allow them to take private property.

The Fifth Amendment allows

governments to take private prop erty for "public use." The Supreme Court has given

governments broad power to take private property through eminent domain, provided the owner is given "just compensation."



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American-style meals suit GIs

I never cease to be amazed by the Bush bashers and critics who always try to discredit the hard work and services provided by my employer, KBR ("KBR needs some healthy competition," column, G. Jefferson Price III. Feb. 11).

Though I can't speak officially about figures and cost, I do know that here in Kuwait and also in Iraq KBR hires dozens of subcontractors to provide goods and services to the military. Locals are hired for those positions and are paid a wage commensurate with that area

As for the cuisine, our dining facilities in Kuwait and also in Iraq offer nutritious, hot meals. Apparently, G. Jefferson Price III is not in touch with the American soldiers' palate when he suggests that Middle Eastern foods be served in our dining facilities because people who eat the same foods get along better. I guess we could then hold hands with the terrorists and all sing "We Are The World."

Soldiers want foods they're familiar with. American-style foods cooked Ameri-can-style. I have been at this camp for a vear and not once have I heard an American soldier say: "I sure would enjoy a nice

mezze or olives stuffed with grape leaves." And Price was correct in saying a security concern would be the poisoning of American troops and a food taster would need to be hired. I know just the person for that position: G. Jefferson Price III.

Rob Huffman Camp Spearhead, Kuwait

They deserve Purple Hearts

As I read the stories about our heroes (and I do mean real heroes, being a Viet-

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nam combat veteran myself), I am ap nalled at what our government is doing by issuing the Purple Heart and then revoking it ("Shamed by an honor," front-page article, Feb. 9).

Everyone reads regulations differently and gives them meanings that suit them best. When a regulation is not specific enough or not clearly stated in a way that everyone reading it gets the same picture, it needs to be rewritten.

Combat is combat and, if these soldiers were not there, it couldn't happen. Anyone who is injured in a combat situation should be eligible for this medal.

I can tell you from experience that in Vietnam, a chopper was flying to the demilitarized zone on a mission when there was engine trouble and had to gyro ro tate to land. It was a hard landing and all

aboard were either killed or injured. There were Purple Hearts for all from the commanding general.

In Cu Chi, I was with the 25th Infantry Division where some nitwit exploded a claymore mine and lost an arm. He got the Purple Heart and was retired with disability. Not one person I know wanted these

medals back. These people were there trying to fight a war and were injured or killed because of their mission there. Come on and give these guys a break

They deserve the medal and deserve to wear it proudly.

John Mize Langenzenn Germany

Heidelberg friends a comfort

My family and I would like to thank all of the people in the community who have been so supportive to us during our time of loss. The care and concern shown to my family has truly been above and beyond any expectations we could imagine.

I am sorry I cannot thank every person personally who has been so helpful in my time of grief. Please know that from the bot tom of my heart I am thankful to every one of von

I would like to thank the teachers at the Heidelberg schools who have been so helpful, the G2 and CACI Inc. (Charles Dawson Jim Lynn and Val Ruffo) for their support to my family.

I would like to give a special thanks to Volker Mampel, Cary Costa, Lt. Col. John Cappel and his wife, Kim, Col. David Hale, nas Greco and Sharron Powell for contributing their time to my husband's service. You helped make a sad time truly beautiful. God bless all of you.

Joyce Flannery Heidelberg, Germany

Sunday night blues works last nerve

BY DALE MCFEATTERS

Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON y dad used to suffer from the Sunday night blues. It was not like he was clinically de-pressed, but he wasn't happy with it being Sunday night. He didn't care much for Sunday afternoons either.

I thought this Sunday p.m. moodiness might be some ancestral Scots Scots-Irish sort of thing, and dad couldn't indulge in the traditional Scots mood brightener of heading to the next glen and burning down a neighboring clan's castle

My grandmother said it was because in school he habitually procrastinated about doing his homework until Sunday night. "He'd have felt much better if he had done his schoolwork Friday evening or got up early Saturday morning and done it then," she would say. Yeah, right, Grandma. Like that happens in the real world

I periodically suffer from Sunday night

blues and having your homework done doesn't change the fact that it's still Sunday night. I say "periodically" because TV ha done pioneering work in combating the malady by broadcasting three consecutive pro football games on Sundays. The first one starts with the first onset of symptoms about 1 p.m. and the last game ends at bedtime when the blues don't matter anymore.

My dad had it worse than me because he grew up in a time when the government and social custom colluded to make Sunday as boring as possible. Everything was closed, and children were expected to sit around in their Sunday dress clothes and make as little noise as possible. That would make anybody morose.

Still, I was pleased to learn recently that I wasn't some isolated head case who gets mopey on Sunday afternoon. The sniper-eyed trend watchers at The Wall Street Journal have zeroed in on the Sunday blues as a legitimate, if not at all serious, affliction in the world of cubicle culture. Writer Jared Sandberg found a studio-art

professor whose favorite night of the week is Thursday "because then he can anticipate the weekend before the clock has started running on it. Come to think of it, he says. his Sunday nights really begin on Saturday, when he realizes the weekend is half over and the workweek is looming."

That's a little extreme but Sandberg found something I've noticed: The Sunday blues affect people who like school or like their jobs and have no problem with getting up and going to work. If you hate your job and your co-workers, that's something else.

The Sunday blues victims coped in various ways — TV, food, reading, rituals such as laying out clothes and, in one case, as I read it, willfully deluding oneself as to what day it is. Once, when my dad was in his 80s and battling the inevitable infirmities. I asked him if he still got the Sunday night blues. He said, no, that he could no longer keep track of what day of the week it was and for all he knew every day was Tuesday For the rest of us, there's only one sure cure for the Sunday night blues: Monday. It works every time.

Doonesbury Flashbacks







BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

States smart to cover all bases with BRAC

Politics aren't supposed to factor into the equation used to determine whether a military base should remain open or be closed in the coming round of reductions and realignments.

secretary of Defense



Donald Rumsfeld said that the 2005 base re-

alignment and closure, or BRAC, process "should be the means by which we reconfigure our current infrastructure into one in which operational capacity maximizes both warfighting capability and efficien-

cy."

Translation: If the facility adequately and effectively supports the

military of the 21st century, it stays.

"America simply cannot do military transformation without BRAC," said Kenneth Beeks, vice president of policy for Business Executives for National Security. "The Department of Defense in ot a jobs program. It is not the role of the Defense Department to provide employment for Americans, it is to protect America so we can find other

Yet elected officials from unpaid city mayors to high-profile governors and U.S. senators are investing political capital and lots of money into efforts to keep their local bases from ending up in the crosshairs of the BRAC Commission specifically because they are jobs programs in their communi-

At least four lists are circulating on the Internet naming bases that could be targeted for closure under the BRAC process in 2005, the first time the Pentagon has undergone this exercise in a decade.

Theoretically, every one of those Internet lists is accurate because every military facility in the country is supposed to be up for re-

The 2005 process aims to eliminate nearly 25 percent of the military's infrastructure. The 2005 closures are expected to exceed all the reductions in the four previous rounds of consolidation combined.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2002, which authorized this generation of closures, requires the Pentagon to "consider all military installations within the United States equally without regard to whether the installation has been previously considered for closure or realignment by the department."

"Understandably, many of our local community partners will have great concerns over BRAC 2005," wrote then-Secretary of the Army Thomas White in a December 2002 letter to his top brass. "We must avoid creating an expectation in the local communities that any action or group of actions would preclude an installation from being considered for realignment."

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England issued a similar caution a month earlier in a letter to his command, calling for "every Navy and Marine Corps installation [to] be treated equally and fairly."

Yet here we are, two years later, and BRAC has become a full-employment act for high-priced lobbyists and retired generals who profess to be able to influence a process that, according to Christopher Hellman, military policy analyst for the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, was "specifically designed to insulate decision makers from lobbyists."

How much money are we talking about?

The state of Florida is paying \$50,000 a month for a rent-an-admiral named Robert Natter and a lobbying firm to spearhead the Sunshine State's BRAC efforts, reports the Jacksonville Business Journal.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzeneg-

■ California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has earmarked \$500,000 to advise communities on how to tell the Pentagon why it should keep all 62 of the Golden State's Separately, the Beale Regional Alliance Committee in Yuba County, Calif., has raised more than \$100,000 to hire lobbyists to fight for Beale Air Force Base, which

houses a U-2 intelligence squadron.

Texas voters approved a \$250 million bond program in 2003 to help the Lone Star State retain its military installations.

Gov. Rick Perry's Web site reports that Texas gets a \$33 shillion direct impact from its 18 military bases and other defense-related spending. In addition, the state benefits from a \$77.4 billion indirect impact — from the extra civilian jobs and spending generated by the military presence in Texas commu-

San Antonio business leaders have raised \$750,000 for a push to keep their local bases open, reports the San Antonio Express-News. San Antonio has reason to perpire: The Army's Fort Sam Houston and Brooks Air Force Base both are on the Internet lists of likely closure candidates.

To compound the sweat factor, Brooks, a small nonflying research base, was on the 1995 BRAC list but dodged the shutters when nearby Kelly Air Logistics Center was closed instead

But the communities' money may be ill

spent.
"It's a waste of money," said Jack Spencer, senior policy analyst for Defense and National Security in the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

"A community would be far better off in spending that money to hire someone to help develop a plan in case the base is closed."

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Business Executives for National Security's Beeks, a former naval officer, agrees.

of s Deess, a former nava officer, agrees. "It's money that could be better spent trying to prepare for life after BRAC." Beeks said. "But they are hellbent on doing this, mostly for political reasons. They can't be seen not to. Politically they have to make a run at trying to save the base if they want to continue as mayor or city manager or whatever the position may be." Alas, all decisions that germinate inside

Alas, an decisions that germinate inside the Beltway are fertilized by politics, the Miracle-Gro of government. If one elected official is going to spread a little enrichment on the process, the other can't be expected to just stand by and watch.

That may explain Perry's surprise lobbying foray to the Pentagon in December. Without notifying or inviting Texas congressional lawmakers to join him, Perry dropped in on top defense officials Dec. 4 to boost the state's chances in the coming round of base

At minimum one can give Perry props for doing his own talking and not hirring outside lobbyists to make his pitch. Perhaps it's more accurate to commend Perry for firing the outside lobbyist that once was hired to promote Texas interests on Canitol Hill.

That lobbyist was former House Majority Leader Dick Armey — oddly enough, the author of the base closing process

2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission deadlines

■ March 15: The final list of nine commission members submitted by the president and congressional leaders goes to the Senate for consideration and confirmation. Three members are nominated by the president, two each are suggested by the speaker of the House and the Senate majority leader, with one each from the House and Senate minority leaders.

■ May 16: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will submit to the BRAC Commis-

sion a list of bases that the department has selected for closure or realignment.

■ By Sept. 8: The BRAC Commission reports to the president on its recommenda-

■ By Sept. 23: The president approves or disapproves the list. The president cannot unilaterally make changes to the BRAC Commission's list.

■ If President Bush approves the list, the decision takes effect 45 legislative days after it is submitted to Congress. To change the list, each chamber must adopt and the

president must sign a joint resolution of disapproval.

■ If Bush disapproves of the list, the BRAC Commission has until Oct. 20 to submit

a revision. The president then would have until Nov. 7 to approve the list.

If Bush sends a second list to Congress, the same rules apply: The recommendations become law 45 days after the president sends the list to Congress unless both chambers pass and Bush signs a resolution of disapproval.

when he was still in Congress.

Armey's firm, Piper Rudnick LLP, had a \$15,000-a-month contract with the state until Perry found out it also had a \$50,000-a-month contract to represent Florida on base closing issues.

"Remember what these lobbyists are going to do," Spencer said. "They come around to communities and say, 'Your base is going to be closed unless you pay me to represent you.' That will or worth appen regardless of what the lobbyist does. Of course, if it's not closed, the lobbyist will take full credit for it.

"Hopefully, any particular base will be closed or remain open on its own merit," he said. "The commission will look at it purely from a national security perspective, on what the base brings to the nation's securi-

Jobs, not national security, were on Texas lawmakers' minds when they introduced a bill this month that would let communities use taxes earmarked for economic development to enhance infrastructure around bases. Yet this job-protection effort may be too little, too late.

"The data are all in to support the closure decisions," Beeks said. "They are so far down that road that if you built a superhighway straight to the CO's door, you still couldn't influence the outcome of this decision."

State leaders would better serve their constituents at this point by focusing on improvements that will serve their communities post-BRAC.

Pause for collective gasp here. What

many elected leaders have an almost impossible ability to recognize is that BRAC is not a guaranteed death knell for a community's economic health.

"The hardest thing to convince people of

 and it only happens after they've been through the process — is that there is life after BRAC," said Beeks.

"It is a wrenching process but, if commu-

nities will come together and form reuse committees, the Defense Department will help with money, and other money available through the Commerce Department.

"Economies become more diversified, stronger and more immune to cyclical ups and downs of defense budgets. They become 21st century economies rather than 20th century industry economy that grows up around a base," Beeks said.

Beeks cites K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as a great example of how a much-condemned closure in 1995 turned into an economic development success story. A state-of-the-art lumber mill began oper-

A state-of-the-art lumber mill began operating in the old weapons storage area in 1997. The Marquette County airport had moved to the site by 1999. A company that performs aircraft maintenance for American Eagle airline is located there.

By 2001, all of the property that had been owned by the Air Force at the old Strategic Air Command facility was transferred to the county, which identified the area as the Marquette County Renaissance Zone. In April 2004. Michigan Gov, Jennifer

Granholm announced \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to help B3 Computers develop a production facility that would employ 110 people at the former air base. Granholm joined every other governor in

a state with military facilities in appointing a brass-heavy task force that will fight to keep remaining bases off the BRAC list in 2005.

"BRAC isn't that 'five stages of death' thing, but it's close," said Beeks. "Right now, everyone is in denial. Politically, I don't see how a mayor or governor doesn't do it. Realistically, it's a waste of money.

"If only they could be strong enough to stand up and say: 'Let's work to see what we could do with this if the base is gone.'"

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Backing Boone road

W PIKEVILLE—A Kentucky congressman whose name took the place of Daniel Boone's on a prominent mountain highway is endorsing a proposal to rename another highway after the famous frontiersman.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers said he wants U.S. 25E to be renamed the Daniel Boone Wilderness Road, a move that would appears Roone's descendants who

derness Road, a move that would appease Boone's descendants, who were offended when state officials renamed the Daniel Boone Parkway for Rogers.

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"That was done without my knowledge," Rogers said. "It was a surprise to me. But they have named various parkways throughout the state for people in public life ... and I was honored."

Alleged rapist sniffed out

MA QUINCY — A restaurant manager accused of raping an employee at knifepoint was arrested after the woman told police she knew her masked attacker was her boss because of his bad breath.

her boss because of his bad breath.
Then "Dickie" Lee, 36, of Quincy, pleaded innocent in district
court to charges including three
counts of aggravated rape. He was
ordered held on \$100.000 bail.

Lee was arrested eight days after the Feb. 3 incident, based on DNA evidence that tied him to the crime scene, police said.

Police said they focused on Lee when the victim told them she recognized the attacker from his breath odor.

Fake passports seized

OH CINCINNATI — Fake passports created by an Austrian artist for a contemporary museum exhibit were confiscated at an airport after a customs agent thought they might be harmful if imported, government and museum officials said.

"I think it says a lot about the condition of our world today, that everyone is understandably on the alert," said Contemporary Arts Center director Linda Shearer.

The items were supposed to be included in the museum's exhibit titled "State of Sabotage," which focuses on government or corporate power over the individual, Shearer

Ex-lawmen charged

HOUSTON — Two former jailers and a man who once worked for the constable's office have been accused of robbing and threatening to arrest prospective customers of women posing as prostitutes.

The suspects have been charged with engaging in organized criminal activity in a conspiracy to commit robbery.

Murphy L. Randall, 36, and

Murphy L. Randall, 36, and Undre Skinner, 40, worked as jailers at sheriff's headquarters in Richmond. Yusef West, 28, once worked for the Harris County Precinct 6 Constable's office.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Joe Owmby said the scheme centered on a Houston apartment complex where Randall and Skinner worked second jobs as security guards. He said the scheme went on from June to about November.

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"In most of the cases, they took whatever cash these guys had and said they weren't going to take them to jail this time," Owmby said.

Stabbing sentence

NEW YORK — A man trained in a Filipino knife-fighting technique was sentenced to 17 years in prison for fatally stabbing a nightclub bouncer who tried to enforce the city's indoor smoking ban.

Isaias Umali — who was convicted in November of first-degree manslaughter in the April 2003 death of Dana "Shazam" Black—had faced up to 25 years in prison. State Supreme Court Justice Bonnie Wittner said the 6-inch serted knife Umali used on Blake, 32, was "the deadliest knife I've ever seen in a courtroom. There can be no other purpose but to injure or kill somebody."

Illegal driving legalities

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Senate voted to take driver's licenses away from people who cannot prove they are legal U.S. residents and issue them a driving "privilege" card instead.

Lawmakers voted 18-8 to approve the measure, which goes next to the House. Gov. Jon Hunts-



Winter shield

Erma Hernandez walks across Fayette Street in downtown Syracuse, N.Y., shielding her son, Jocson Ramos, 3, from the snow with an umbrella. man said that he would support it. Senators said they were alarmed by an investment of the senators were alarmed by an investment of the senator workers had Utah driver's licenses and that some non-citizens were able to use the licenses to register to vote and cast ballots at the polls.

"It's scary, being taken advantage of," Republican state Sen. Gregory Bell said. "Once they get a Utah driver's license, it's a platform for everything else."

Gang shooting law waits

RICHMOND — Legislation that would subject street gang members to the death penalty for carrying out gang-ordered shootings likely will await next year's session after a Senate panel deferred action.

The bill, intended to deter savage, deadly attacks of gangs such as MS-13 proliferating in Virginia, was referred to the state Crime Commission for study on a unanimous Courts of Justice Committee voice vote.

Del. David Albo said his bill essentially would treat a killing ordered by a gang chieftain as murder-for-hire, making the killer and the person who ordered it eligible for execution.

Presently, gang-directed killings are not subject to capital punishment

Lobster disease spreads

NARRAGANSETT — More lobsters are contracting shell disease, and the problem has spread from southern New England waters all the way to Maine, scientists said at a symposium analyzing a phenomenon that has mysteriously afflicted the industry in recent years.

Shell disease now affects 30 percent of lobsters in coastal areas of southern New England and Long Island Sound, according to researchers. It's still unclear what's causing the disease, researchers said, and what's causing it to

spread.

The disease does not taint the lobsters' meat, but makes shells so unsightly that they are too unappetizing to serve whole. It can weaken lobsters so much that they prematurely die, though experts don't have any concrete figures.

Prank 911 calls

RI ST. LOUIS — A teenager has been accused of using a stolen cell phone to swamp dispatchers with hundreds of bogus 911 calls over a matter of weeks, at times talking of killing some of the responding officers he could see

responding officers he could see.
The 15-year-old boy sometimes was such a nuisance he called in new emergencies at the same address where officers already were standing, St. Louis County Police spokesman Mason Keller said.

Such was the case when the young culprit was tracked down only after dispatchers fielded 25 bogus calls within 75 minutes to the same area where the officer already had arrived. Keller said.

The boy has been referred to St. Louis County Family Court, where information on possible charges was not immediately available. He was not identified because he is charged as a juvenile.



Charitable kisses Steven Walker, principal of Dover Elementary School in Pennsylvania, kisses a pig to fulfill his promise to the students for reaching their fund-railing goal for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The children raised more than \$4,000 in their "Giving from the Heart" campaign.



Tubular fun Zach Uttley, 5, climbs upward through a slipper-slide tunnel while playing in Leffler Rotary



Abigail Martinez, 10, left, holds the water fountain faucet as Vicky Becerra, 8, center, Teamwork ds up her sister. Connie Bercerra. 5. at the Mesilla Plaza in Mesilla. N.M.



Wrestling pretzel Cody Martin of Forbush rings Science ... East Bend ties up Brett Williams, bottom, of North Henderson High School in Hendersonville during their 130-nound match at the Class 1A-2A North Carolina High School Athletic Association wrestling championships in Winston-Salem, N.C.



Vintage beauty Rick Ziel, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., shines up a B-17 bomber at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.



Taking a break Jesse Corwin, 16, pauses while teaching a swimming class at a city pool in Great Falls, Mont.

Body parts found

NY NEW YORK — The human remains found by a transit worker in a Brooklyn subway tunnel belonged to a 19-year-old man. police said.

The body parts - two legs sev ered just below the torso - had been stuffed in a plastic bag, said police spokesman Detective Eric Crisafi.

The remains belonged to Rashawn Brazell of Brooklyn, Crisafi said

The investigation is ongoing. Crisafi said.

Teacher arrested

ORLANDO — A high school chemistry teacher was ar-rested after students claimed he taught his class how to make a bomb, authorities said.

David Pieski used an overhead projector in class to give instructions in making explosives to students at Freedom High School, including advising them to use an electric detonator to stay clear from the blast, an Orange County sheriff's arrest report said.

In Pieski's classroom in Orlando, authorities found a book la-beled "Demo," which includes the chemical breakdown for a powerful explosive, the arrest report said.

Pieski was charged with possessing or discharging a destructive device and culnable negligence. Pieski, who was booked into the Orange County Jail and released on \$1,000 bail, declined to comment.

Listerine DUI

ADRIAN — A woman who pleaded guilty to driving while drunk on three glasses of Listerine was sentenced to two vears of probation. Officials suspected Carol Ries,

50. was intoxicated after she rear-ended another vehicle at a red light in January. Police found a bottle of the mouthwash in her car.

She passed one breath test, but failed another that used different equipment. Her blood alcohol level was .30 percent, more than three times the legal limit.

According to Listerine manufacturer Pfizer Inc.'s Web site, original formula Listerine contains 26.9 percent alcohol, more than four times that of many malt liquors, while other varieties contain 21.6 nercent alcohol

Man suspected of abuse

MIDLAND — A Midland man faces child endangerment charges on accusations that he chained a 4-year-old boy by the neck and held a knife to his older brother's neck, authorities said.

Thomas Mitchell Lynskey, 31, is accused of harming his girlfriend's two sons in November, Midland County sheriff's investigator Rick Rowland said.

Lynskey surrendered to authoria ties after learning of an arrest warrant and was released on \$10,000 bond the same day.

Elk to roam free

CA LOS BANOS — Dozens of tule elk will be sent to areas where they can roam freely, from the northern Coast Ranges to the southern Sierra Nevada, in an attempt to restore a native California species that has rebounded from

the brink of extinction.

"We were down to an Adam and an Eve, for all we know," said Jon Fischer, head of the elk capture project for the California Department of Fish and Game. "This has been a real success story

Tule elk exist only in California, where they once roamed the San Joaquin Valley and the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

Focus on ashestos

MT LIBBY — They're getting ready for the Asbestos Health Fair in this old mining town

Posters promise "Door Prizes!!" and "Blood draw to participate in ongoing research!" Companies that sell home oxygen supplies will send reps. Doctors and researchers will be here.

There will be consultants to help asbestosis victims apply for public aid. And there will be advice on finding help with the housework when the disease becomes too much

To visitors to the town of some 8,000 people, it all must seem surreal. To the locals, this has, sadly, become part of life in Libby.

Asbestos released into the air from the now-closed W.R. Grace and Co. vermiculite mine just down the road is blamed by some health authorities for killing some 200 people and sickening one of every eight residents.

A federal grand jury indicted the company and seven executives, accusing them of conspiring for decades to hide the danger. Grace has denied any criminal wrongdoing and said it looks forward to "set-

ting the record straight" in court For many in town, the indictments mean those responsible will finally be held accountable.

Recruiting tennis fans

AZ SCOTTSDALE — NHL fans left on the sideboards can get the jump on a new game: tennis.

Hockey fans who show up for the first two days of the ATP Tour event wearing Phoenix Covotes hockey ierseys will be given free tickets for the tennis tournament.

The Tennis Channel announced its offer to hockey fans: The first 500 people wearing a Coyotes jersey to the day or night sessions at the tournament can claim a free ticket at the will-call window

"With their new free time, hockev fans can come see the spectacular athleticism, finesse and artistry happening right now in big-time tennis," Bellamy said in a statement.

Court spares dog's life

NF LINCOLN — The state Supreme Court granted clemency to a dog sentenced to death for fighting with a neighbor's pet. The high court ruled that Mur-

phy, an Alaskan malamute-shep herd mix belonging to Doug and Lorele Dittoe, should not be killed for causing "relatively minor injury" to the other dog after slipping out of the couple's fenced-in yard in 2001.

Murphy had been deemed dangerous by the county sheriff, and a judge ordered her destroyed. Now, the Dittoes are planning a party for Murphy.

"She might just get a steak," Lorele Dittoe said.

Stories and photos from wire services



| AFRTS Television Schedule Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at http://myaln.dodmedia.csd.mil/ | | | | | | | | |
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| 9:00 | Movie ** "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (2001) Voices of | Movie *** "Young Mr. Lin- coln" (1939) Henry Fonda. | Dr. Phil | Jeopardy! | The Beltway Boys | | 30-Minute Meals | Jeopardy! |
| 9:30 | Megan Cavanagh. | John Ford's account of Honest | (0.40) 0 | Headline News ESPNews | Fox News Watch Bulls and Bears | | Paula's Home Cooking | Headline News ESPNews |
| 10:00 | Dave the Barbarian | Abe's early legal career. | (9:46) Oprah Winfrey (:35) Guiding Light | Headline News | Cavuto on Business | | Designers' Challenge Fashion Emergency | Pacific Report |
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| 11:30 | Dave the Barbarian | tiny" (1990, Comedy) James Belushi. A stranger gives a mar | (:17) General Hospital | | Cashin' In | | The King of Queens | |
| | Dave the Barbarian | a chance to change his fate. | Headline News | Without a Trace "Hawks and Handsaws" | Dateline NBC | | That '70s Show | Without a Trace "Hawks and Handsaws" |
| | Dave the Barbarian Dave the Barbarian | Movie *** "Before Sunrise" | Judge Judy Today Diagnosing, treating | Without a Trace "Life Rules" | Fox and Friends | | Girlfriends Charmed 'Blinded by the | Without a Trace "Life Rules" |
| 13:30 | Movie ** "Brink!" (1998. | (1995, Drama) Ethan Hawke. | autism; cervical cancer. | Without a frace Life fruies | l ox and mienus | | Whitelighter | William a Hace Die Hules |
| 14:00 | Adventure) Erik von Detten, Christina Vidal Patrick Levis | Two young travelers share a whirtwind romance in Vienna. | | Pacific Report | Fox and Friends | i | Strong Medicine A foster moth- | Pacific Report |
| 14:30 | | | | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno | | | er has an addiction to Ritalin. | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno |
| 15:00 | Funniest Home Videos Full House (Part 1 of 2) | (2:51) Movie ** "Mighty Joe Young" (1998, Adventure) | Aladdin ChalkZone | Leno Late Show With David Letter- | American Morning | Sports | Any Day Now "That's Our Son, Bobby" | Late Show With David Letter |
| 15:30 16:00 | Pokémon | Charlize Theron, Bill Paxton. | Mucha Lucha History lesson. | man with David Letter- | CNN Live Today | Sports Reporters | Third Watch "True Love" | man With David Letter |
| 16:30 | Yu-Gi-Oh! "Aftermath" | Rade Sherbedgia. | Kim Possible "Car Trouble" | The Late Late Show With | Olin Elic loady | SportsCenter | Time Water Hee Core | The Late Late Show With |
| 17:00 | Doug (EI) | Access Hollywood | Jeopardy! | Craig Ferguson | | NFL Countdown | Law & Order "Amends" | Craig Ferguson |
| 17:30 | The Wild Thornberrys | | Headline News | Dennis Miller | | | | Dennis Miller |
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| 19:00 | Taina "Fear Factors" | phy) Barry Pepper, J.K. Sim- | | Access Hollywood | | | Glass" Twins try to use Johnny. | Access Hollywood |
| 20:00 | Smallville "Red" | mons. Dale Earnhardt becomes a champion race-car driver. | Without a Trace "Hawks and | Headline News | FOX News | 1 | Law & Order "Maritime" | Headline News |
| 20:30 | | | Handsaws" Without a Trace "Life Rules" | Entertainment Studios.com | | | | Entertainment Studios.com |
| 21:00 | Boy Meets World Boy Meets World | (8:47) Movie ** * "Ali" (2001) Will Smith Jamie Foxx | Without a Trace "Life Rules" | The Hot List Headline News | Studio B With Shepard Smith | The Hot List | Monster House A 1970s disco- inspired theme | The Hot List Headline News |
| 21:30 22:00 | The Cosby Show | Based on the life story of leg- | Headline News | Good Morning America | Your World With Neil Cavuto | Ine Hot List | Friends | Good Morning America |
| 22:30 | Home Improvement | endary boxer Muhammad Ali. | The Tonight Show With Jav | dood morning America | Tour World With Neil Cavato | 1st & 10 | Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2) | dood morning America |
| 23:00 | Touched by an Angel "Voice | Movie ** * "Bad Company" | Leno | | Lester Holt Live | Around the Horn | Seinfeld "The Label Maker" | 1 |
| 23:30 | of an Angel" | (1972) Jeff Bridges. | Late Show-Letterman | | | Pardon the Interruption | Blind Date | |
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| 00:00 | Aaahh! Real Monsters Rocket Power | (11:00) Movie *** "Bad Company" (1972) Jeff Bridges. | Late Show-Letterman Access Hollywood | Play With Me Sesame Bear in the Big Blue House | Headline News NBC Nightly News | SportsCenter | Late Night With Conan O'Brien | Play With Me Sesame Bear in the Big Blue House |
| 1:00 | The Fairly OddParents | (12:47) Movie *s "Jury Duty" | Sports | Connie the Cow | ABC World News Tonight | College Basketball Notre | The Dead Zone 'Looking | Connie the Cow |
| 1:30 | Rugrats | (1995, Comedy) Pauly Shore, Tia Carrere, Stanley Tucci. | loponis . | Wheel of Fortune | CBS Evening News | Dame at Connecticut. (Live) | Glass' Twins try to use Johnny. | Wheel of Fortune |
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| 3:30 4:00 | Boy Meets World | mons. Dale Earnhardt becomes | ESPNews | NBC Nightly News | Headline News | | Friends | NBC Nightly News |
| 4:30 | Boy Meets World | a champion race-car driver. | ESPNews | Judge Judy | Nightly Business Report | i | Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2) | Judge Judy |
| 5:00 | Sesame Street (EI) | (4:47) Movie *** "Ali" (2001) Will Smith, Jamie Foxx. | Headline News | Access Hollywood | Lou Dobbs Tonight | SportsCenter | Breathingspace Yoga | Access Hollywood |
| 5:30 6:00 | Barney & Friends (EI) | Based on the life story of leg- | ESPNews Headline News | (:25) Guiding Light (:13) General Hospital | Larry King Live | College Basketball San Diego | Caribbean Workout Body Shaping | (:25) Guiding Light (:13) General Hospital |
| | Blue's Clues "Bugs!" | endary boxer Muhammad Ali. | Headline News | (: 13) General Hospital | Larry King Live | State at Wyoming. (Taped) | TIPical Mary Ellen | (:13) General nospital |
| 7:00 | Dragon Tales (EI) | Access Hollywood | Play With Me Sesame | Larry King Live | NewsNight With Aaron Brown | , , , , , , , , | The View | I Spy |
| | Bob the Builder | | Bear in the Big Blue House | 1 ' ' | - | | | Animaniacs |
| 8:00 | The Wiggles | Entertainment Tonight | Connie the Cow | All Grown Up | BET Nightly News | SportsCenter | Emeril Live | All Grown Up |
| | Dora the Explorer Stanley "Little Dog Lost" | Movie ++ "In the Best Interest | Wheel of Fortune | Teen Kids News (EI) Jeopardy! | Tavis Smiley Nightline | Sports | 30-Minute Meals | Teen Kids News (EI) Jeopardy! |
| 9:00 9:30 | Sagwa-Siamese Cat | of the Children" (1992, Drama) | Dr. Pilli | Headline News | Army Newswatch | | Sweet Dreams | Headline News |
| 10:00 | Arthur (EI) | Sarah Jessica Parker, Sally | (9:46) Oprah Winfrey | ESPNews | Hardball With Chris Matthews | 1 | Best for Less | ESPNews |
| 10:30 | Reading Rainbow (EI) | Struthers, Elizabeth Ashley. | (:35) Guiding Light | Advisory Block | 1 | | Stripped | Pacific Report |
| 11:00 | Sagwa-Siamese Cat | (10:46) Movie ** "Point Break" (1991) Patrick Swayze. | | Smallville "Talisman" | The O'Reilly Factor | | E News | Smallville "Talisman" |
| 11:30 12:00 | Stanley "Penguin Party" Dora the Explorer | An FBI agent infiltrates Califor- | (:17) General Hospital Headline News | Movie *** "Introducing | Fox and Friends First | SportsCenter | The King of Queens That '70s Show | Movie *** "Something the |
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| 14:00 | Blue's Clues (EI) | | ı | Pacific Report | Fox and Friends | ı | Strong Medicine 'Breast Can- | Pacific Report |
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Will Smith, left, and Kevin James appear in a scene from the movie "Hitch," directed by Andy Tennant. When Smith suggested to his golf buddy James that they should work together, the "King of Queens" star figured it was one of those when-pigs-fly situations.

James steals limelight

Actor improvises moves in new flick

BY CHRIS HEWITT Knight Ridder Newspapers

sher has crunking, Michael Jackson has the moonwalk and Kevin James has the Q-Tip. James is in "Hitch," which is

James is in "Hitch," which is about a romance coach for the dateless played by Will Smith.

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But, for about five minutes, "Hitch" is hijacked by the James Klutzatronic Dance Machine.

His character demonstrates his pathetic dance moves for Smith, including an earfingering gesture called the Q-Tip and a hand-rubbing motion called Starting the

All are rejected.

Fire.

"You just look at me, and you know I can throw it down, right? Me and getting the ladies — you can see how smooth I am," jokes James, star of TV's "The King of Queens," calling from a New York hotel.

"Those are pretty much my own moves, which is pretty sad. That was my calling card with the ladies, back in the day. That was what I had to work with — that out-of-control thing, sort of like onions falling out of a bag."

Smith and James improvised the dance scene (they did lots of stuff that's not in the movie but could be on the DVD), something James says many stars wouldn't go for.

"Some actors would see another supporting actor getting laughs and would shut it down immediately," says James, declining to name names. "But Will encouraged it."

The two were friends first, after a "Queens" writer introduced them and they

played golf.
Smith said they should work together;
James figured it was one of those

when-pigs-fly situations.

But Smith called and James said yes to a tiny role that, over the course of a movie's

tiny role that, over the course of a movie's worth of improvised scenes, ended up being not-so-tiny.

James was thrilled because despite six

years on a hit sit-

com, the movie offers were not exactly pouring in.

They weren't exactly even trickling in.

"It's hard to knock down doors, even if you've been on a TV show for a while," says James. "It's such a difficult transition to make, as you can tell from

as you can tell from all the TV actors who tried and didn't make it in movies." When James heard from Smith, he had

just lost the lead in the next film from Mike Judge, who wrote and directed "Office Space." At the time, he was bummed not to get

At the time, he was buildned not to get the gig. Now, he's thrilled he wasn't chosen because it would have prevented him from doing "Hitch."

Speaking about his collaboration with Smith, James uses the playing-againstsomeone-who's-better-than-you-makes-youbetter sports metaphor.

The difference is, when he says working with Smith is the comedy equivalent of playing golf with Tiger Woods, James isn't speaking metaphorically. He actually has played golf with Tiger

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Kevin James

Woods, and tips from Woods actually did make him better. Same goes for Smith, who helped him figure out the whole movie thing. With "Hitch" heading into theaters, "King of Queens" about to wrap shooting

"King of Queens" about to wrap shooting for the season and a couple of movies alpeady completed (including a comedy that pairs him with mentor Ray Romano), James is looking at what's next. He's not sure what it'll be, but

it's a good bet it will find him playing a character unlike the ones in "Queens" and "Hitch," both of whom are lovable, self-deprecating klutzes.

"Rob Burnett, the producer of 'Letterman,' told me you watch a movie for two reasons. Either it's like a James Bond movie, where you see

him do things you'll never do, or it's a character who's a lot like you, so you relate to him," says James.

"That's more what I've been doing, but, believe me, my agents and everybody are going, 'We need to go in a different direction. Let's do something where Kevin is not the fat guy, tripping over his suitcase."

Even if James stays vertical for the entire film, don't expect him to be too suave.

"The way I look at it is when you expose yourself to America and beyond, like I do on 'King of Queens,' where the humiliating stuff is often part of what's funny or endearing about the character, I have no problem with that," says James. "It's good to show you have faults and you look like an idiot some of the time, because we all do."

Rock OK with Oscar's delay

First-time Oscar host Chris Rock, a comedian known for his frequent use of expletives, says the five-second decency delay on the ABC show's Feb. 27 telecast will be a welcome "safety net."

"Tve been on TV and been funny not cursing," Rock says in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes" newsmagazine. "As far as content is

concerned, I will talk about the movies. I'm not really worried about it. I'm sure ABC is more worried about it than me." Gil Cates, the producer of the Oscar

Gil Cates, the producer of the Oscar show, has expressed confidence in Rock, who suggested in a recent Entertainment Weekly magazine interview that no



Rock

terview that no straight black men watch the telecast.

"[A time delay is] a safety net. You know, you're a trapeze artist ... you welcome the net," Rock says.

Rock also says that when he arrives on Oscar night, he may be traveling "small," without an entourage. The 39-year-old actor-comedian says that "with a posse, you're not letting the real world in. And if you don't let the real world in, you're not

going to be funny."

He added: "Donald Trump rolls pretty small, you know."

Third son for Beckhams

David Beckham's wife Victoria — formerly known as "Posh Spice" — gave birth Sunday in Madrid, Spain, to the couple's third son.

"We've got a baby boy, his name is Cruz, that's C-ruz. He's beautiful and he's in there with his brothers," Beckham said. Asked about the name — Spanish for the word 'cross', Beckham replied, "It's just a name we like. We found it hard this time but we found a name we liked and stuck

Beckham said the couple had been advised to go to the hospital Saturday night and that the baby was delivered a week early.

Life inside Windsor Castle

with it."

Britain's royal family has given a TV crew unprecedented access to Windsor Castle for a documentary series about life in the royal household.

Buckingham Palace said Thursday that a team from production company RDF had been filming at the castle, west of London, for a year. The three-part series, tentatively titled, "Windsor," and due to be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp. next fall, includes an interview with Prince Philip and several scenes featuring Queen Elizabeth II.

A palace spokeswoman said Philip would speak about his role as a ranger for the castle's extensive grounds and parks.

Spears: Photos invade privacy

Britney Spears says the veil has been lifted on her honeymoon, and she's not happy. Photos of Spears and her new husband, Kevin Federline, are on the cover of Us Weekly magazine under the headline: "Britney's Private Album!" Other pictures of the couple's October honeymoon in the Fiji islands are displayed on five pages inside the magazine, on newstands Fridav.

"Kevin and I chose a resort location where we were promised absolute privacy and seclusion," the 23-year-old pop star

"Other magazines, including Star, contacted us when presented with these photographs and refused to publish them; and Spears.

"Kevin and I thank those other maga-

zines for respecting our rights of privacy."

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

Horoscope

The Leo moon is like a peacock among wrens. Its energy is grand, difference among wrens. Its energy is grand, showy and self-important. It grants permission to our emotional selves to strut, pose and, if need be, rant. On a personal level, the drama is ignited. And since it is Presidents' Day, the ranting that happens on a political level will be highly publicized, criticized and coelebrated.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(February 21). Your

tavorile people respond to

you, too, generating a swirl

of social fun. You no longer

believe the best is yet to

come — the best is what you're

doing in the moment, and moment

by moment, you turn this year into a

big success. Emotional ties you

establish in June are lasting. Leo

and Sagittarius are excellent roman
lict choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A threat, real or imagined, looms large in your head. Take action to tame this monster. Handle it first so you can get on with your day, giving full attention (or at least as much attention as possible) to your other duties

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life feels fragmented into about 10 million pieces. But in reality, you are less disjointed than you think. Clear clutter at home, and you'll see plainly what else needs to be done. A Virgo helps, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).Productivity ebbs and flows, You'll have your Mary Poppins moment, though, and "a spoon full of sugar" really will help the "medicine go down." Try to attack all work in the soirit of fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's

like you're playing a game of Madlibs. Everywhere you turn, there's a blank that needs filling in. Luckily, you're quite creative. And humorous, too — as your friends will later attest. Have fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People will interrupt you all day long if you let them! Control their access to you by getting strict with your schedule.

Choose the hours you'll be available by phone, and don't answer it other than that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A difference of opinion could come

between friends, but it's nothing serious. Helping someone take care of his or her own problems is far more effective than going out of your way to "fix"

things. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's easi

to follow a partner's lead than to come up with your own structure. And there's nothing wrong with that today, as long as you choose a partner who actually knows what

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

he or she is doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in the mood to take chances, and your personal life is just the area to do this in now. Emotionally, you're a little tougher than usual and able to risk rejection — but also unlikely to experience it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You may be the only one standing up for what's right. Someone in charge could get drunk with power and lose sight of what's good for everyone. Others will try and persuade you, but keep your standards high.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). One thing at a time. Jumping in with grandiose vision and high expectations may work at other times, but right now, what's really required is a more methodical and practical approach. Focus on the task at hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may find out that you're not

You may find out that you're not using a resource (this might be a person, a software program or a club membership) to its fullest capacity — or not even close! Make an effort to better educate yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Learn the art of brinkmanship. Some

people don't think about the consequences of taking things to the absolute limit. Let yourself be influenced by their conviction. What seems extreme could be your best solution.

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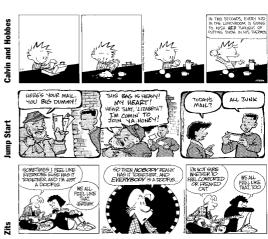
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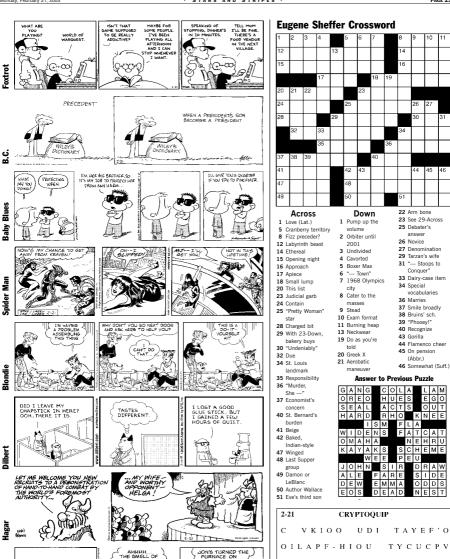








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THE SMELL OF BURNING GOATS

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BE PAYING FOR GROOM AND BOARD? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals S

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

in one day

Dog dispute minor in marriage

Dear Abby: My husband, "Sam," and I have been together

for 12 years, happily married for seven. We get along great, with only one area of major conflict I am a dog lover. Before we

married, I owned three beautiful springer spaniels. Sam knew that dogs were one of my greatest joys in life. He also knew that living with indoor dogs was important to me, and that I'd like to have hetween three and eight of them

We now have four indoor dogs. One of the dogs I had when I was single died two years ago, and my husband and I have adopted two, I'd love to get another one

but Sam says we have enough He says the dogs cause wear and tear on our home, and are expensive to maintain, especially since one of them requires medication for a heart problem.

I have a home-based business and enjoy the companionship of our "babies" enormously. I am their sole caregiver, and although I may not be the greatest housekeeper, our home is presentable. All of our pets are obedience school graduates

I have offered to compromise I even suggested that we keep any new dogs outside.

although that would break my heart. My offers have fallen

on deaf ears Please don't think that Sam is jealous of the dogs. That's not the case. He simply doesn't love animals like I do. I'm starting to resent that I can't have anoth-

er dog because animals

Please tell me what you

mean so much to me.

think

— Just one More in Marvland Dear Just One More: Unless you want your marriage to end up in the doghouse, please reorganize your priorities. Since you feel the need to care for other dogs, consider donating some of your free time to an animal shel-

ter. They would welcome you with open arms, and there would he peace in your household.

Dear Abby: I am 13 and in the seventh grade. I am labeled as "shy" and "quiet" by my teachers and a lot of the kids at school. But when I'm at home or with close friends, they know differ-

What can I say when teachers say, "Oh, you're so quiet. Why don't you say anything?" Abby, please let teachers know

that these remarks only make matters worse. My mom and some of my friends have had the same experience. Is there a polite response when

people ask me why I'm quiet? - On the Spot in Alabama Dear On the Spot: Try this: "I

never learned anything while talking, but I have learned a lot while listening.

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HANDS. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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"Aides" can give you this Answer IDEAS

Confront withdrawn roommate

Dear Annie: I am a sophomore in college and share an apartment with four other girls. We are seriously concerned about our roommate, "Sherry. She never goes to class anymore (she rarely went last year), and she sleeps until 5 p.m. Because she avoids bathing and has done laundry only a few times this nast semester she is starting to stink up the entire apartment.

More importantly, we are worried that her behavior could be a sign of depression. Sherry already is on anti-anxiety medication. We're not really close to her, and if we bring up her mental health, she is likely to become defensive and yell at us

- Concerned Roommate in Wisconsin

Dear Roommate: The four of you must talk to Sherry, even she becomes defensive and yells. So what? You can take it, and she needs your help. Tell her she ought to see someone at the school's health clinic and offer to go with her. Give her the Web sites



of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alli-ance (dbsalliance.org) and the National All ance for the Mentally III (www.nami.org or 1-800-950-NAMI).

Ask if she'd like you to call her parents. Sherry may be relieved to know someone cares enough to confront her. And if she refuses to get help. or you notice that she is getting worse.

talk to a counselor on campus and ask for advice

Dear Annie: I have disagreed with some of your re sponses but never felt strongly enough to write. However, your response to "Confused in Ohio" sent me right through the roof.

"Confused" said her friend's elderly father looked at child pornography on the Internet. How could you advise the women to talk to her friend AGAIN, saying, "Grandpa should get counseling before he gets arrested"? You should have told

her to get on the phone and re-port this to the authorities. Viewing child pornography supports an industry that has hurt many children and destroyed lives. Just because the children in the pictures aren't living in his home doesn't excuse

his behavior. - L.T. in California

Dear L.T.: We were thinking that it does little good to offer advice that is not going to be followed. It would have been simple to tell "Confused" to call the police and have them arrest the father of her best friend, but

she isn't likely to do it. We hoped discussing this more emphatically with her friend, telling her that Dad's behavior was not normal, that he could be arrested, and that the grandchil dren were at risk, would push the family to take action. But many readers agreed with you that "Confused" should call the authorities

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AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College basketball:
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AND IN A CURIOUSLY COINCIDENTAL NEWS ITEM, ROUND* TIRES IS PAYING ONE OF THE STUFFERS PLAYERS TO CORNOW HIS HAIR INTO A TREAD PATTERN.



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College baseball

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Auburn 11, Va. Commonwealth 0
Barry 9, Eckerd 3
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Barry 10, Eckerd 10,

Coll. of Charleston 13, Army 9
Columbus St. 12-13, S.C.-Aiken 3-1
ETSU 5-3, Niagara 4-2
E. Michigan 7, South Florida 6
Florida 2, Miami 1, 11 innings
Florida Atlantic 3, TCU 1
Fla. International 13, LaSalle 1
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Illinois St. 1.7, Ark.-Pine Bluff 12
Lander 5-16, Augusta St. 3-12
Liberty 10, Hoftsra 9
Lipscomb 8-8, Xavier 5-3
Louisiana, College 9-12, Hillisdale Free Will Lipscomb 8-8, Xavier 3-3 Louisiana College 9-12, Hillsdale Fi Baptist 3-5 Louisiana-Monroe 1, Tenn-Martin 0 LSU 11, Ark.-Little Rock 8 LSU-Shreveport 13, Belhaven 3 Louisilana Tech 10, Arkansas 8 Louisville 11, Kent St. 4 Loyola, N.O. 3-8, William Carey 2-2 Lynn 13, St. Leo 3 Lynn 6, Eckerd 3 Lynn 6, Eckerd 3 Manhattan 10, Md.-Eastern Shore 0, 2nd game, ppd., weather Maryland 4, N.C.-Wilmington 2 Maryland 4, N.C.-Wilmington J Mercer 7-11, Alabama St. 6-0 Middle Tennessee 11, Ball St. 2 Montevallo 12, Stillman 1 Murray St. 2-5, Bradley 1-1 Navy 17-7, Savannah St. 8-15 Nicholis St. 13, Grambling St. 3 North Carolina 5, Seton Hall 0 Notre Dame 4, Florida A&M 3 N.C. State 8, San Dieno St. 5

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Vinginia 2-13, Bucknell 0-3
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Wolford 5-6, Lonywood 4-5
Coll. of the Ozarks 5, Stetling 2
Evansylle 5, III. Chiclago 2
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Jacksonville 5, Wake Forest 4
Texas A&M 4, South Alabama 2
Griffin-Pontiac Challenge
Missouri 10, Winthrop 3
Gardner-Webb 2, Akron 0
Homewood Suites Shootout
Old Dominion 5, Richmond 4
The Citadel 15, Coppin 5t. 0
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Michigan 6, Notre Dame 3 Nebraska - Omaha 3, Lake Superior St. 3, tie N. Michigan 5, Michigan Tech 3 Ohio St. 5, Michigan St. 1 St. Cloud St. 3, Minn.-Mankato 2 St. John's, Minn. 5, Augsburg 3 St. Olaf 3, Hamiline 3, tie

FAR WEST

Alaska-Anchorage 5, North Dakota 2

Miami (Ohio) 5, Alaska-Fairbanks 4

Miami (Ohio) 5, Alaska-Fairbank Minn-Duluth 6, Denver 3 Niagara 5, Air Force 3 EXHIBITION Minnesota 7, US National Under-TOURNAMENTS MCHA Tournament Semifinals or-18 Toom 5 Minn-Crookston 5, Lawrence 4, OT, Minn-Crookston wins mini-game 1-0 and series 4-2 Marian, Wis. 4, Milwaukee Engineering 0, Mil-

waukee Engineering wins mini-game 3-0 and series 4-2 NCHA Tournament Quarterfinals
Lake Forest 6, Wis.-Stevens Point 1, Lake For-Lake Forest b, Wis.-Stevens Point 1, Lake Forest wins series 2-0 St, Norbert 5, Wis.-Eau Claire 2, St. Norbert wins series 2-0 Wis.-Stout 6, Wis.-River Falls 4, series tied 1-1

s.-Superior 5, St. Scholastica 2, Wis.-Supe-2-0 SUNYAC Tournament Quarterfinals
Plattsburgh 4, Potsdam 1, Plattsburgh wins series 2-0

series 2-0 Cortland St. 4, Fredonia St. 3, Fredonia St. wins mini-game 2-1, OT and series 2-1

Auto racing

NASCAR-Busch Hershev's Take 5 300

At Dayton International Speedway
Bayton Block, Tile.
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22, (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 120,
320, 130, Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 120, 3. (26) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 120, \$67,923. 4. (23) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 120, \$79,495. 5/9,495. 5. (18) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 120, \$58,050. 6. (21) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 120, \$50,675. 7. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 120,

\$60.950.

13. (34) Ashton Lewis Jr., Ford, 120, \$50,708.
14. (1) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 120, \$46,775.
15. (31) Mike Wallace, Pontiac, 120, \$47,325.
16. (42) Derrike Cope, Ford, 120, \$47,475.
17. (4) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 120, 17. (4) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 120, \$47,425. 18. (8) Justin Labonte, Chevrolet, 120, \$52,600. 19. (28) Randy LaJole, Chevrolet, 120, \$41,775. 20. (9) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 120, \$47,700. 21. (43) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 120, (43) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 120, 541,525.
 (25) David Green, Ford, 120, \$46,600.
 (35) Stacy Compton, Ford, 120, \$46,758.
 (17) Tim Fedewa, Dodge, 120, \$45,120.
 (27) Michel Jourdain, Ford, 120, \$43,075.
 (3) Paul Wolfe, Dodge, 120, \$41,000.
 (27) (39) Shawna Robinson, Chevrolet, 120,

\$42,775. 28. (41) Steve Grissom, Ford, 120, \$44,720. 29. (20) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 120, \$42,600. 30. (16) A.J. Fike, Dodge, 120, \$40,925.

31. (38) Jon Wood, Ford, 120, \$42,310. 32. (2) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 120, \$50,020. 33. (11) Denny Hamlin, Chevrolet, 120, \$47,700. 34. (36) Kertus Davis, Chevrolet, 120, \$42,150.

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42. (19) Sterning was , _ . failure, \$39,605. 43. (40) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet, 3, overheatng, \$39,560. Time of Race: 1 hour, 59 minutes, 59 sec-Tithe or Natics: 1 Hour, 39 monds, in of Victory: Under Caution. Caution Hags: 5 for 16 laps. Lead Changes: 13 among? 6 Vivers. Lap Leaders: Nemechek 6, Busch 1-17, Metal Leaders: Nemechek 6, Busch 1-17, Metal 1-18,

Point Standings: Stewart 190, Harvick 170
Earnhardt Jr. 170, Truex Jr. 160, Kahne 155
Gordon 150, Biffle 147, Waltrip 146, Edwards

Skiing

World Cup

Sunday At Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany Men's super-G Christoph Gruber, Austria, 1 minute,

1. Christoph Grüber, Austria, 1 minu. Bl. 8 esconds. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.19. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.27. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.27. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.27. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.28. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.29. 2. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:18.59. 2. Bruno Kerner, Switzerland, 1:18.5

1. Bode Miller, United States, 1,253. 2. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1,062 3. Mi /alchhofer, Austria, 910. 4. Hermann Maier, Austria, 878. 5. Daron Rahives. United States, 646.

Super-G standings (After five races) (After five races)
1. Bode Miller, United States, 325.
2. Hermann Maier, Austria, 324.
3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 229.
4. Daron Rahives, United States, 199.
5. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 188.

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3. Align Bareson, Sweden, 205.35, 195.

5. Elisabeth Georgi, Austria, 202.

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1. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 410 points.
2. Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, 381.
3. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 344.
4. Maria Jose Rienda Contreras, Spain, 284.
5. Karen Putzer, Italy, 208.

Golf

Bobby Wadkins Keith Fergus

Brad Bryant Pete Oakley

Walter Hall Jay Sigel Ed Fiori Tom Watso

Vance Heafner Raymond Floy Curtis Strange

Champions Tour-ACE Group Classic

Saturday At The Club at TwinEagle Naples, Fla. Purse: \$1.6 million Yardage: 7,139; Par: 72 Second Round

Mike McCullough Mark James 66-69-135 -9 69-68-137 -7 Mark James
Hale Irwin
Mike Reid
Jerry Pate
R.W. Eaks
Jim Albus
Tom Wargo
Gil Morgan
D.A. Weibring
Don Pooley
Ron Streck
Bruce Lietzke
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Malaysian Open

At Saujana Golf and Country Club Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Purse: \$1.21 million Yardage: 6,569; Par: 72 Final

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Tennis

RMK Championships

Saturday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: Men, \$690,000 (Intl.); Women,
\$170,000 (Tier III)

Men Semifinals
Kenneth Carlson Denmark, det Andy Roddick (J.) United State Denmark, det Andy Roddick (J.) United States, Denmark, det Andy RodMax Mirnyl (S), Belarius, def. Tommy Haas
(2), United States, 7-5, 6-3,
Women Women
Championship
Vera Zvonareva (1), Russia, def. Meghann
Shaughnessy (3), United States, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Nomen Championship Albayale and Abigail Spears, United Laura Granville and Abigail Spe States, 6-3, 6-4.

Diamond Games

Sunday
At Sportspaleis Antwerpe
Antwerp, Belgium
Purse: \$585,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Harri-Index

Amelie Mauresmo (1), France, def. Venus Williams (3), United States, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. ABN AMRO

At Ahoy Stadium Rotterdam, Netherlands Purse \$1 million (Intl. Gold) Surface: Hard-Indoor Singles Finals

Roger Federer, Switzerland,(1) def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

Brazil Open Saturday
At Costa do Sauipe
Salvador, Brazil
Purse: \$380,000 (Intl. Series)
Surface: Clay-Outring

ce: Clay-Ou Singles Final Rafael Nadal (6), Spain, def. Alberto Mar-n, Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (2), 6-1.

High school sports

Boys basketball Division I Division I
Kaiserslautern 46, Wuerzburg 29
(Friday at Wuerzburg)
Kaiserslautern 27 12 8-29
Top scorers-Kais: Quentin Strawder 11
Julian Smalls 10; Wzbg: Soo Soo Taulelei 8,

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Wuerzburg
Top scorers-Heid: T.C. Blanks 17, Tyrek
Wesley 11, Brandon Grant 7; Wzbg: Justir
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Wiesbaden 67, Kaiserslautern 51
(Tuesday at Wiesbaden)

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Wiesbaden 7 13 11 12-6-6
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8: Wies: Robert Edwards 18, David Bradford
18, Bryce Lee 11.
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imith 6, JV-Kaiserslautern 35, Wiesbaden 30.

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
American eague
TEXAS RANGERS anced to terms with
RHP Frank Francisco, RHP Agustin Montero
and RHP Nick Regililo on one-year contracts
and OF Chris Richard on a minor league contract. HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark McLemore, OF Willy Taveras and INF Tommy Whiteman on one-year con-

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Randy

Melvin defensive line coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named John Shoop

Sexson reports early to camp to discuss DUI

Richie Sexson checked into the Seattle Mariners' spring training camp two days early Saturday, knowing he'd have to explain a Feb. 5 drunken driving citation.

"It's an unfortunate situation," said Sex-son, who has pleaded not guilty. "I'm disap-pointed, No. 1 in myself. You want to apologize to every fan you've ever had, every fan you're going to have or fans you're going to

Sexson, who signed a \$50 million,



four-year contract, was stopped a quarter-mile from his home near Vancouver, Wash. That day, he had been at his broth er's home, where he had two beers with a

chicken dinner.

Returning home, however, a Clark County sheriff's deputy stopped Sexson after estimating his speed at 50 mph in a 35-mph zone, though Sexson ultimately wasn't cited for speeding.

The deputy smelled a "strong odor of intoxicants," according to a sheriff's report, and noticed empty beer bottles in the vehicle. Sexson said the bottles were left a week earlier after another visit to his broth-

He received a citation for suspicion of DUI, Sexson said, because he refused to take a portable breath test at the scene.

"If you refuse a Breathalyzer (test) in the field, automatically they can charge you with driving under the influence," Sexson said

Sexson said he was transported to the sheriff's office, taking two breath tests about 45 minutes later. Both tests registered under Washington's legal threshold for intoxication.

At Fort Myers, Fla., Edgar Renteria spent his first day at Boston's camp. The new Red Sox shortstop made the last out for the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, when he grounded to pitcher Keith



New Boston Red Sox shortstop Edgar Renteria fields a grounder after reporting to spring training camp a day early on Saturday in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Foulke and ended Boston's four-game

Renteria, who replaced Orlando Cabrera, plans to be on hand when his new

teammates get their championship rings. "I'm going to go through the line for mine, too, and then I'll say, 'Where's my

Renteria said, apparently joking. At Vero Beach, Fla., pitcher Brad Penny didn't throw during the Los Angeles Dodgers' first workout. Penny, sustained a rare nerve injury to his right biceps that sidelined him late last season, met with team staff to plan his schedule.

"We are shooting for a bullpen session for Brad sometime early to midweek,'

manager Jim Tracy said.

Penny probably would have been ready

to throw off the mound had he not spent the last two weeks fighting the flu

"I'll be ready for the season by April," he said. "I'm excited about it." At Jupiter, Fla., Florida Marlins right-hander A.J. Burnett was about to begin his first bullpen session of spring

training when he shouted a friendly warn ing to fans standing behind the 8-foot-high backstop. "Heads up," he said. "Last year I nearly

crushed somebody. You guys look out." Unlike a year ago, when Burnett hit a female spectator on the shoulder with an errant practice pitch, he threw for 10 minutes without sailing a single fastball over the fence

Manager Jack McKeon emerged from

the clubhouse in the morning to begin his 57th year in professional baseball and was

greeted by a phalanx of photographers. "Get my good side, please," he said. Right-hander Juan Cruz didn't report to the Athletics on Saturday with the rest of the pitchers and catchers. The team said he was taking a few extra days in his native Dominican Republic and would be in camp Monday

Cruz lost to the A's in salary arbitration Tuesday. He will get \$600,000 instead of the \$860,000 he had requested. Acquired from Atlanta in the Tim Hudson trade in December, Cruz was 6-2 with a 2.75 ERA in 50 relief outings last season, when he made \$370,000.

About a half dozen Japanese reporters showed up in Phoenix to speak to new Oakland pitcher Keiichi Yabu, but Yabu wasn't due to arrive in Arizona until late Saturday.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Boston reliever Mike Timlin understands why Yankees manager Joe Torre won't bring a lot of regulars for the March 7 split-squad game at the Red Sox

"It's not a rivalry thing. He's not dishing us by any means," Timlin said. "Joe's not that way. He's building the best team that he possibly can with what he has."

At Bradenton, Fla., Pittsburgh left-hand-er Oliver Perez has not pitched during the first two days of workouts because of stiff ness in his throwing shoulder. The shoul-der tightened from sleeping the wrong way Thursday night.

"Everything is fine," Perez said. "I'm just a little tired in the shoulder."

At Tucson, Ariz., Colorado pitcher Shawn Chacon worked out, happy to be back in the starting rotation after becoming the first pitcher in major league history with 20 saves and an ERA over 7.00 "I don't regret the decision to switch last said Chacon, who had went 1-9 with a 7.11 ERA and nine blown saves. "I tried it, did it, and it didn't work out for either side. I'm excited to get back to something I'm familiar with, something I established

Giants' closer Nen opts for retirement after setback

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Robb Nen tried as hard as anyone to extend his career as one of basehall's best closers, working countless hours to rehabilitate his troublesome shoulder after three operations

Following yet another setback, the former Giants pitcher has decided to retire

"He tried and got close again. and fell back down," San Francisco trainer Stan Conte said Sunday, a day after speaking to Nen about the decision. "It's been so frustrating. I'm surprised he lasted this long.

Nen, who had 43 saves and a 2.20 ERA in 2002 to help the Giants reach the World Series, hasn't pitched in more than two

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through pain during the playoffs that season knowing needed surgery and that he was

risking further damage. The Giants fell six outs short of

a championship. Nen has said he has no regrets

"What he did to stay on the field in 2002, he jeopardized his career," lefty reliever Jason Christiansen said Sunday. "He put the team above himself. Everybody who was here in 2002 has so much respect for what he did. If it hadn't been for him, we wouldn't have gone to the World

The 35-year-old Nen, a tenacious right-hander who spent his final five seasons with the Giants. had been hopeful of giving it another shot this season — even if he had to earn a non-roster invite to spring training with another club. The Colorado Rockies were one of the teams monitoring his progress to see if he was healthy.

Still, Nen hasn't ruled out a re turn down the road if his arm were to somehow recover though that seems unlikely. Nen has 314 career saves in 10 major league seasons and is one of 18 pitchers to reach the 300 mark.

Nen's rotator cuff is torn - perhaps as much as 75 percent - but surgery to completely repair it has a very low success rate. And Nen doesn't want to go through another operation.

Boone denies Canseco claims

PEORIA, Ariz. - Seattle Mariners second baseman Bret Boone on Saturday denied an allegation by former slugger Jose Canseco, in his best-selling book, that Boone used steroids four years

"I don't know the person. He doesn't know me. I've never had a conversation with him. As far as I'm concerned, it's absolutely ridiculous," Boone said after reporting to Seattle's spring training

In one chapter of Canseco's book, he described playing for the Anaheim Angels during a spring training game against the Mari-ners in 2001 and marveling at Boone's physique.

"I hit a double, and when I got out there to second base, I got a good look at Boone," Canseco wrote. "I couldn't believe my eyes. He was enormous."

'Oh, my God,' I said to him. 'What have you been doing?' "
"'Shhh,' he said. 'Don't tell any-

"Whispers like that were a sign that you were part of the club the bond of a secret code or handshake," wrote Canseco, who admitted to steroid use and said he introduced other major leaguers to the drug.
In the week since transcripts of

the book were released, several news outlets have documented that Canseco never reached second base in spring training games against the Mariners in 2001.



A giant headache

Air Force can't cope with Utah's 7-footer; Navy edges Lehigh; Army loses 21st game

he Associated Pres

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The winning streak marches on and the conference title belongs to Utah. Pretty soon, it will be tournament time and the Utes look like a team that could do some damage there, as well.

Andrew Bogut scored 20 of his 23 points in the second half Saturday to lead No. 14 Utah to its 18th straight victory, a 65-56 defeat of Air Force that clinched the Mountain West Conference championship.

"To have a day where you accomplish the main goal of your

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the main goal of your season, I'd say it ranks right up there at the top," first-year Utes coach Ray Giacoletti said.

In what may have been the most impressive victory of a streak which began Dec. 17, the Utes (23-3, 11-0) snapped Air Force's 24-game home winning streak. Utah needs three more victories to become the first team to run the table in the 6-year-old MVC. Either way, they are well on track for their 26th NCAA tournament appearance.

"Our number-one goal was winning a conference championship," Giacoletti said. "We said if we do that, we'll stop and put another goal on the table. We'll probably have a chance to look at that tomorrow."

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Air Force (15-10, 6-4), ranked 104 in the latest RPI ratings, lost a chance at the quality victory it dearly needed to make the NCAA tournament for the second straight year. The Falcons, who came in with a half-game lead over Wyoming for second place, now fight for seeding for the conference tournament, which they very well

may have to win if they are to head back to the NCAAs.

"Right now, the postseason isn't necessarily important to us," first-year coach Chris Mooney said. "We've just got to concentrate on (Monday's opponent) BYU and the road trip" that follows.

Jacob Burtschi had 15 points for the Falcons, but none in the second half when Utah's defense firmed up and Bogut started taking over on both ends of the floor.

The 7-foot Australia native came one rebound short of padding his nation-leading total of 17 double-doubles. He scored eight points during a 10-0 run that gave Utah a 36-32 lead and set the tone to open the sec-

The Utes stayed more patient in getting him the ball, and when they did, Bogut typically had his defender sealed and made an easy spin move for a bucket.

"It's very frustrating," Mooney said.
"You're not going to hold him to six points,
we realize that. But when the ball got into
him, it was too easy."

On defense, meanwhile, Bogut altered shots and generally frustrated Air Force, which by using its typical slowdown style

played right into the big man's hands. Trailing 53-45 with about 2 minutes left, Bogut altered Nick Welch's shot, then blocked Dan Nwaelele's attempt after the rebound. It was a typical sequence for the Utes, who allowed only three field goals

over the first 15 minutes of the second half.
"I haven't been part of a team that's
played this kind of team defense before,"
guard Marc Jackson said. "That's why

we've had this kind of success."
Bryant Markson scored 15 points and Jackson had 12 for Utah, whose winning streak is second only to Illinois' 27.



Utah's Andrew Bogut rips a rebound away from Air Force's Dan Nwaelele during the second half of Saturday's game at the Air Force Academy. No. 14 Utah beat Air Force 65-56.

Welch also had 15 points for the Falcons, whose last home loss came March 3, 2003, to Utah

Navy 76, Lehigh 75: Matt Fannin scored 16 points and Taij Mathews had 1s as Navy (8-17, 4s Patriot League) held off a comeback by Lehigh (13-12, 7-5) at Bethlehem, Pa. Corey Johnson had 13 points, George O'Garro scored 11 and David Hooper added 10 for Navy. Jose Olivero scored 23 for Lehigh.

Navy held Lehigh without a basket for 5½ minutes while building a 71-61 lead with 3:39 to play. Navy's lead was down to

74-73 when Fannin shook loose for a layup with 31 left.

Bucknell 69, Army 55: At West Point, N.Y., Charles Lee scored 22 points for Bucknell (18-8), which used runs of 18-2 in the first half and 24-9 in the second to dominate Army (3-21)

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Lee hit two three-pointers as Bucknell turned a 1-38 deficit into a 26-15 lead with 3:42 left in the first half, then added six points as the Bison expanded a six-point halftime lead to 54-33 with 9:01 to play.

Matt Bell led Army with 23 points and Grant Carter and Jarell Brown had 11

Kentucky rolls over Bulldogs for 50th 20-win season

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Freshman center Randolph Morris scored 17 points to lead seven players in double figures and No. 3 Kentucky reached 20 victories for a record 50th time with a 94-78 thrashing of Mississippi State Saturday night.

Kentucky (20-3, 11-1 Southeastern Conference) posted its highest point total of the season in posting its milestone 20th victory. The Wildcats' 50 20-win seasons is three better than runner-up North Carolina.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 15 de points and Patrick Sparks added 14 points and made four three-pointers for Kentucky, which has won 19 straight games following a loss. The Wildcats lost 73-61 at South Carolina on Tuesday.

Kentucky forced Missippi State (18-8, 6-6) into 23 turnovers and limited forward Lawrence Roberts, who entered the game second in the SEC in scoring and first in rebounding, to seven points and three rebounds.

No. 4 North Carolina 88, Clemson 56: Jawad Williams scored 17 points, sixth-man Marvin Williams added 14 and the Tar Heels improved to 51-0 at home against Clemson.



Sean May finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Tar Heels (22-3, 10-2), who moved into a first-place tie with Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sharrod Ford led Clemson (12-13, 2-10) with 13 points.

No. 8 Oklahoma St. 85, Texas Tech 56: John Lucas III scored 25 points and JamesOn Curry had 10 of his 15 in the second half as the Cowboys moved into a tie for first place in the Big 12 with Kansas

Curry scored 10 points during a 14-2 run that helped Oklahoma State (20-3, 10-2) pull away early in the second half.

Martin Zeno had 19 points for visiting Texas Tech (16-7, 8-4).

No. 13 Gonzaga 75, San Francisco 73: Adam Morrison scored 28 points, including a jumper with less than a second remaining, as host Gonzaga (21-4, 11-2 West Coast Conference) avenged an earlier loss to the Dons (14-11, 5-7) and moved 2½ games ahead of Saimt Mary's in the race for the regular season championship. No. 15 Washington 68, Washington St. 55: Tre Simmons scored 16 points to lead Washington (21-4, 11-3 Pac-10) to victory at Washington State (10-13, 5-9). Washington has won 14 of the past 18 against Washington State.

No. 16 Alabama 87, South Carolina 68: Kennedy Winston and Earnest Shelton combined to hit seven three-pointers in the second half and Alabama (21-4, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) remained unbeaten at home and won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Carlos Powell had 17 points for the Gamecocks (14-9, 6-6), who were coming off an upset of No. 3 Kentucky.

No. 18 Connecticut 85, Rutgers 63: Charlie Villanueva and Josh Boone each scored 21 points and visiting Connecticut (17-6, 9-3 Big East) used an early 26-5 run to take control against Rutgers (8-15, 2-11).

No. 19 Pacific 73, UTEP 66: David Doubley scored 21 points and hit a key three-pointer with 1:18 left to lead Pacific (22-2) to its 18th straight victory.

Omar Thomas had 21 points and 12 rebounds for UTEP (20-7), which lost for the fourth time in seven games.

No. 21 Oklahoma 69, Kansas

St. 68: Drew Lavender's improbable basket at the buzzer capped a 29-point outing as Oklahoma (19-6, 8-4 Big 12) snapped a three-game road losing streak. Clent Stewart stole David God-

bold's inbounds pass and then hit the second of two free throws with 4.5 seconds to go, putting Kansas State (13-10, 3-9) up 68-67.

The 5-foot-7 Lavender tore downcourt and flipped the ball up from the baseline with less than a second left. Time expired as the ball hit the rim, bounced twice — each time just missing an Oklahoma player's hands — and felt hrough to extend the Wildcats' losing streak to six games.

Cartier Martin had 22 points

for Kansas State.

No. 22 Maryland 92, Virginia
89 (20T): John Gilchrist had 22

points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:12 left in the second overtime, for the Terrapins. Virginia had a chance to tie it with 18 seconds to go in the sec-

Virginia had a chance to tie it with 18 seconds to go in the second overtime, but Elton Brown missed two free throws, capping a 3-for-13 showing from the line. The Terrapins (16-8, 7-6 Atlan-

tic Coast Conference) twice saw the game extended when Virginia made three-pointers on its final possession. Freshman Sean Singletary had 23 points and nine assists for the Cavaliers (13-11, 4-9).

No. 23 Charlotte 86, Tulane 67: Eddie Basden scored had 27 points and 14 rebounds, leading Charlotte over Tulane.

The 49ers (19-4, 10-2 Conference USA) won their fifth straight game to tie No. 12 Louisville for first place in the conference.

The Green Wave (9-14, 3-9) lost for the fourth time in five games. Curtis Withers scored 26 points to match his average over the last four games. Brendan Plavich

Quincy Davis led Tulane with 14 points, Taylor Rochestie had 12 and Matt Wheaton 11.

scored 14.

No. 24 Cincinnati 72, UAB 69: Jason Maxiell had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead flu-stricken Cincinnati

The Bearcats (20-6, 8-4 Conference USA) had a nine-point lead cut to one in the final minute, but Armein Kirkland clinched it by making two free throws with 9.9 seconds left. UAB's Caldwell "Squeaky" Johnson missed the rim with a long three-pointer just before the burger.

Donnell Taylor and Marvett McDonald each had 16 points for Alabama-Birmingham (16-9, 6-6), which has lost four in a row for the first time since 2001-02.

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Streaking Iowa St. stuns No. 2 Kansas

By DOUG THEKER The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. - The Iowa State Cyclones are well past their humble goal of stopping an embarrassing six-game losing streak

Now they're beating ranked teams on the road and riding a season-saving, seven-game winning streak. And after opening the Big 12 season 0-5, they're ready to settle for nothing less than an NCAA tournament bid.

Curtis Stinson scored 29 points, including the game-winner in the lane with 5.1 seconds left in overtime, and the Cyclones pulled off their most improbable victory yet, stunning No. 2 Kansas 63-61 on Saturday. Stinson had all seven of Iowa State's points in the

The end of the Javhawks' 32-game conference home winning streak could eventually cost Kansas a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"Beating the No. 2 team at

said Stinson, whose injured left hand kept him off the floor for the opening 4:25 of the game

"I hurt it in practice," the husky sophomore guard said. "I hit it again tonight. I am a competitor and I am going to play hard."

The Javhawks (20-3, 10-2) erased a nine-point deficit in the last 2 minutes of regulation. But all game long they had no answer for Stinson or Iowa State's aggressive 2-3 zone and they finished with a season-low point total.

Stinson hit a short jumper over Jeff Langford for the game-win-

"He is great," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "We had no answer for Curtis Stinson.

Five days after losing by one point in double overtime at Texas Tech, the Jayhawks shot only 34.5 percent and were 4-for-23 from beyond the three-point arc.

"Offensively, we didn't have any rhythm at all," Self said. "We were out of sync all day. These guys have performed at a high



Iowa State guard Curtis Stinson, right, battles Kansas center C.J. Giles for a loose ball during the second half of Saturday's game at Lawrence, Kan. Stinson scored 29 points as Iowa State won 63-61.

level for a long time but today we were as poor as we can be offen-

The Cyclones (15-8, 7-5) have beaten Texas, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Kansas - all ranked teams - in the streak and won three conference road games after not winning a league game away from home for almost four

"I thought my kids played their hearts out the whole game," Cyclones coach Wayne Morgan said. "They didn't give up and they kept fighting. Not a lot of teams come in here and win.

Stinson's winning shot came right after Langford missed two free throws at the other end. Langford also missed a 17-footer at the

with 41/2 minutes to play before a

Every Illinois starter had at

Roger Powell had four, which lim-

ited him to eight points after he had made all 10 of his shots

against Penn State in the previ

ous game. The Illini were outre-

bounded 36-21. Head shot 1-for-7

and they still got it done.

the country.

while scoring only seven points

"Good team, good players -

they find a way to make plays."

Iowa coach Steve Alford said.

"They don't feel the pressure. I

think they're as good as anyone in

three fouls and forward

14-5 run finished them off

Michigan St. ruins a party for Purdue's Gene Keady

BY MICHAEL MAROT The Associated Press

WEST LAFAVETTE Ind . Michigan State coach Tom Izzo thought Gene Keady deserved a fitting tribute Saturday.

So he told his players to use Keady's approach - play hard, play focused, play with passion. The Spartans delivered.

Alan Anderson and Maurice Ager each scored 12 points and No. 11 Michigan State limited Purdue to 36.8 percent shooting as the Spartans rolled to a 68-57 tory on a day Keady's former play-

ers honored him at halftime. 'I told our players last night that, in all honesty, this was going to be an emotional day for me, too, because I love what he has done for the game of basketball," Izzo said. "So I told them "The best compliment you can give him is to play your butt off."

Michigan State (19-4, 10-2 Big Ten) has won five straight and nine of 10, the only loss in that stretch coming to No. 1 Illinois.

The Spartans are 5-1 in Big Ten road games, limiting opponents to 37 percent shooting and fewer

than 60 points a game. Izzo was not entirely pleased with what he saw in the final 4 minutes, although he seemed to understand how a 20-point lead could be halved since this was Keady's next-to-last home game and dozens of ex-players, coaches and managers lined the court named for Keady in a halftime ceremony

Even former Spartans coach Jud Heathcote, one of Keady's closest friends, watched from behind the Michigan State bench.

"I don't think we fell backward today because we were playing a team I thought was at its emotional peak," Izzo said. "But we didn't take a step forward."

For Keady, it was another tough day in his farewell season. In his 25th year at Purdue, Keady adopted a throwback approach.

Dressed in a black suit and gold tie, he flailed his arms at officials looking for calls, barked at players repeatedly and occasionally pointed out where they should have been positioned on the floor. He even drew a technical foul in the second half and then - characteristically - slammed his jacket to the floor.

It was easily Keady's most demonstrative game of the season. Afterward, he again demonstrated the toughness that has defined his career by making no

apologies.

"I've never liked this crew," he said of the officials. "It's nothing personal, but we've never had a good relationship or whatever you want to call it. I got fed up with the calls not been made con-sistently.... Of course the coat went off and I should have gotten two technicals. I should have been gone.'

That was the least of the problems for Purdue (7-16, 3-9).

For top-ranked Illinois, the count is 27

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press IOWA CITY Iowa - The chal-

lenges for Illinois started early. from the moment the Illini got out "We had no hot water this

morning at the hotel," coach Bruce Weber said. "That was brutal

It got no easier after that

Top-ranked Illinois had to overcome foul problems, a determined opponent and a subpar game by leading scorer Luther Head to remain unbeaten with a 75-65 win over Iowa on Saturday. Deron Williams and Dee

Brown each scored 18 points for

the Illini (27-0, 13-0 Big Ten), who turned back repeated threats the short-handed

"Stuff like this happens all year," Williams said. "It seems like every game, somebody steps up and does something at the right time

The Illini had plenty of that happen Saturday. James Augustine came up with 13 points and eight rebounds, Head made a key steal late in the game and 7-foot-2 Nick Smith hit a three-pointer in the final minute to preserve a victory that kept several streaks intact.

In addition to a 27-game winning streak. Illinois has won 23 straight conference games and 14 championship by winning their next two games, at home against Northwestern and Purdue Illinois finishes the regular sea-

on at Ohio State on March 6. Indiana in 1976 was the last un-

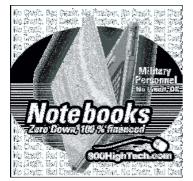
home, now we can clinch the outright title, then go see what hap-pens at Ohio State," Weber said. But that's a long way off. Right now, we're worried about the bus ride home and Northwestern.

which fell to 1-4 since leading scorer Pierre Pierce was kicked off the team for disciplinary viola-

consecutive games on the road. They would clinch the Big Ten overtime at Illinois earlier in the season, trailed by just two points

beaten team in Big Ten play. "If we take care of business at

A gritty effort wasn't quite enough for Iowa (16-9, 4-8),



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Middleweight Hopkins defends title 20th time

BY TIM DAHLBERG

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bernard Hopkins never claimed he was the prettiest fighter, just the best. Even at the age of 40, he was good enough Saturday night to reach another milestone and win another fight.

Hopkins overcame his usual slow start to dominate Howard Eastman, winning a lopsided 12-round decision to join some of boxing's elite in the record books by making his 20th successful middleweight title defense.

"This was very special, personal to Bernard Hopkins," Hopkins said. "I believe it will be documented in boxing history as years and centuries go on."

In a fight that was booed by many at the Staples Center, Hopkins won easily on all three ringside scorecards to remain unbeaten in the last 11 years. He did it by moving and staying focused and being brutally efficient with his punches.

The crowd of 12,828 might not have appreciated it enough, but Hopkins' new pro-

"It's unheard of," said Oscar De La Hoya, who lost to Hopkins in his 19th title defense. "I don't think we'll ever see it

The fight was the first for Hopkins since turning 40, an age when most fighters have long since left the ring. But he appeared to be the fresher fighter in the later rounds as he used an unorthodox but effective style to win the fieht.

One judge had the fight 119-110 in favor of Hopkins, while a second had it 117-111. The third judge had the fight 116-112, the same score as The Associated Press.

"Bernard Hopkins is a true professional," said Roy Jones Jr., who was watching at ringside. It was the first middleweight title fight in Los Angeles since Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer fought to a draw in 1960, and though it was lacking in excitement at times, there was no question who won the fight.

No question that is, except from Eastman, who complained he should have been given more credit for pursuing Hopkins much of the fight.

"He ran from me the whole night," Eastman said. "He was the champion fighting in his own backyard but I dictated the pace. He didn't fight like a champ. He never hurt me."

Eastman, a British fighter, has never lost in the United Kingdom. And he's never won outside of it, losing a title fight to William Joppy in 2001 and then losing his second title shot to Hopkins.

Eastman (40-2) threw far more punches than Hopkins (46-2-1), but many of them found air as Hopkins ducked, moved and often made Eastman pay by coming back with a counterpunch.

Ringside punch stats showed Hopkins was much more efficient while Eastman was much busier. Hopkins landed 148 of 346 punches, while Eastman landed 82 of

"They wanted to see [Arturo] Gatti-[Mickey] Ward," Hopkins said. "I don't fight that way. I did it in spurts."

Hopkins started cautiously as usual, but Eastman was even more cautious, barely throwing a punch in the first round and drawing boos from the crowd at the Staples Center.

By the fourth round, though, the crowd was booing the champion as Hopkins moved backward around the ring, occasionally posing as if he was going to throw a punch, but throwing only a few.

unch, but throwing only a few.

The fight finally heated up late in the



Defending champion Bernard Hopkins, right, lands a hard right to the head of Britain's Howard Eastman in the sixth round of their WBC middleweight championship bout.

fifth round — the same round Eastman had predicted he would stop Hopkins — when the challenger landed a big right hand to Hopkins' head. Fighting out of his corner, Hopkins responded by landing a stinging left and the two traded punches as the round came to a close.

"You've taken his best shot now," Eastman's corner told him. "That's all he's got." Though Hopkins seemed to be getting better as the fight went on, Eastman was still throwing punches with abandon and was giving the champion a fight. In the corner after the 10th round, trainer Bouie

ner after the 10th round, trainer Bouie Fisher urged Hopkins to pick up the pace. "Get this guy out of there, get this guy out of there," Fisher said. "You've let him hang around too long."

On the undercard, Jermain Taylor made a case for himself as the future of the middleweight division — and a possible contender for Hopkins — by stopping Daniel Edouard in the third round with a series of devastating shots to the head.

Taylor showed that he isn't far from a possible title shot himself by taking apart Edouard apart before referee Ray Corona stopped the fight at 2:26 of the third round. The 2000 Olympic bronze medalist re-

mained undefeated and scored his 17th knockout in 23 fights in an impressive performance that had the crowd at Staples Center on its feet cheering.

"I believe I'm ready for Hopkins," Taylor said. "I'm a fighter."

Taylor not only landed a lot of punches, but landed them with efficiency as he dominated the fight and handed Edouard (16-1-2) his first loss as a pro.

Midway through the third round, Taylor landed two right hands to the head and then followed Edouard across the ring. He trapped him in the neutral corner and was landing punches at will against the defense-less Haitian when the referee moved between the two fighters and called the bout to an end.

Austria's Gruber wins super-G; Miller gets fourth

The Associated Press

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCH-EN, Germany — Christoph Gruber made up for his disappointing performance in the world ski championships with his first World Cup victory in four years. Gruber. who failed to qualify

for the Austrian downhill squad



in Bormio and then went out in the first leg of the giant slalom, finally came through

Sunday. He negotiated the soft snow and variable visibility to win the super giant slalom in 1 minute, 18.18 seconds.

American Bode Miller, world champ in the super-G and downhill, was fourth, 0.21 seconds off the pace. But it was enough for him to replace Hermann Maier atop the super-G standings. Miller now leads the discipline rankings with 375 points, one more than Maier.

As for Gruber, he finished 0.01 seconds ahead of second-place Didier Defago of Switzerland. Gruber's last victory, also by

Gruber's last victory, also by 0.01, came in 2001 on this slope over Maier. "This was a difficult day for me because my two downhill races here Friday and Saturday were not so good. I was 17th and 16th, Gruber said. "I was hoping to do some good downhills after Bornio, which was not so successful for me. So I wasn't very motivated when I woke up this mornine."

The surprise of the day came from 20-year-old Francois Bourque, who clocked 1:18.22 for third place, becoming only the third Canadian man in history to climb a World Cup super-G podi-

The last time was 17 years ago, when Felix Belczyck won in 1988 in Leukerbad, Switzerland. Before that, Brian Stemmle placed third in Furano, Japan, in 1985.

Bourque had never finished in the top 10 in World Cup competition. His previous best results were a pair of 17ths in the super-Gs at Kitzbuehel, Austria and Val Gardena, Italy this year. Miller was next and now leads

Walchhofer, winner of downhill races Friday and Saturday, finished fifth in 1:18.40 and is third in the standings with 229 points. "It's just one point," Miller

said. "It doesn't mean that much. There are a couple of races left and it will probably go down to the wire. And Hermann Maier is skiing well. "It was tough to run from

where we were today," Miller added, referring to the later starters. "I think with better conditions Hermann could have won today"

Maier finished eighth in 1:18.54.

Jaidee wins Malaysian again KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

— Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand shot a 2-under 70 on Sunday to win the Malaysian Open for the second straight year.

Thongchai, a 34-year-old former paratrooper, finished at 21 under for his seventh career title, three strokes ahead of Jyoti Randhawa of India. The top-ranked player in Asia joined Graham Marsh (1974-75) and Tomoo Ishii (1964-65) as the only golfers to win back-to-back Malavsian Opens since the tournal alwayian Opens since the tournal control of the control of the

ment was first held in 1962.

He also tied South Korean
Kang Wook-soon for most victories in the region.

Randhawa birdied the last hole en route to a 67. Henrik Stenson of Sweden was third at 17 under after a 67. Irishman Paul McGinley (68) and Niclas Fasth (68) were fourth, nine strokes back. Padraig Harrington, playing in the final group, faded to a 74 and finished tied for eighth, 11 behind.

McCullough seizes ACE lead

NAPLES, Fla. — Mike Mc-Cullough shot a 3-under 69 to take a two-stroke lead over Hale Irwin and Mark James in The ACE Group Classic.

The 59-year-old McCullough, seeking his third Champions Tour victory, had a 9-under 135 total on the TwinEagles course. Irwin, the 50-and-over tour's career victory leader with 41, shot a 70. James had a 68.

Curtis Strange, playing his first senior tour event, followed an opening 74 with a 71. The two-time U.S. Open champ was tied for 32nd, 10 strokes back.

Mauresmo tops V. Williams ANTWERP, Belgium — Top

seed Amelie Mauresmo beat Venus Williams 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 on Sunday in the Diamond Games for her first win of the year, denying the American a \$1.3 million gem-encrusted racket.

Williams, who complained af-

terward of a stomach injury, needed to beat Mauresmo to win the gold-and-diamond trophy, which goes to the first three-time winner in any five-year span. Since she won the title two of the last four years, Williams will have a last shot at the trophy next year.

Mauresmo trailed almost throughout the three-set thriller at the sold-out, 14,600-capacity Sports Palace and fought from behind in the last two sets, belying her reputation for struggling under pressure.

The 25-year-old Mauresmo now has 16 career titles and closes in again on WTA No. 1 Lindsay Davenport, a position she briefly held last year.

Federer rallies past Ljubicic ROTTERDAM. Netherlands -

Top-ranked Roger Federer of Switzerland rallied from a set down to beat Ivan Ljubicic 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (5) and win the ABN Amro indoor tournament Sunday.

The match was capped by an entertaining third set of winning shots, duels at the net and a tense tiebreaker. It was a sharp contrast to the last time they met in a final, when Federer won 6-3, 6-1 at the Qatar Open in January.

Hawks' Smith slams Suns' quest for sweep

Phoenix's Nash. Richardson win events

By JOHN MARSHALL The Associated Press

DENVER - Josh Smith went retro to win the NBA's dunk contest

Smith scored a 50 on his first dunk of the finals wearing the jersey of former Atlanta star Dominique Wilkins, then had another perfect score on his second dunk in his own Hawks jersey to beat Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire on Saturday night.

"He didn't know I was going to do that, but I was going to do a dunk symbolizing what he did in his previous years," said Smith, Atlanta's first round pick in 2004 after making the jump from high school. "He was real excited and shocked that I would do that.'

Wilkins, a two-time dunk champion, handed the mantel and his jersey over just before Smith's first dunk of the final round, and the rookie didn't disappoint. Looking a whole lot like 'Nique other than being left-handed -Smith leaned in for a windmill dunk that left the backboard and rim shaking and earned him a perfect score

Smith switched back to his No 5 Hawks jersey and earned another 50 off a reverse-spin 360 - ala Vince Carter in the 2000 contest

kind of made everybody a little nervous," said Wilkins, who won the contest in 1985 and 1990.

"Like I said, he shocked me with that one That was outstanding But it wasn't the only outstanding part

Though former Nuggets player Chris Andersen drew some boos after needing eight tries to finish his first dunk. Smith and Stoudemire got the crowd going with their second dunks of the first round

Smith started things off, earning a 50 by taking a pass from Denver's Kenyon Martin, who was seated in a chair, and throwing it down with a vicious windmill dunk after soaring over Martin.

Stoudemire did him one better on the next dunk, passing the ball off the backboard to teammate Suns teammate Steve Nash, who headed the ball back to Stoudemire for a one-handed 360 "That was a good dunk by

Amare and Steve, and I knew I had to pull something out of my hat to get by and win," Smith said. Smith did and it prevented the Suns from completing a sweep on All-Star Saturday.

Phoenix's Quentin Richardson won the three-point shooting contest, making his final nine shots of the finals after opening with an airball to edge Philadelphia's Kyle Korver by one point.

Richardson appeared to have no chance at catching Korver after missing his first four shots. but he hit four of five money balls

— worth two points each — and had the strong finish to close with 19 points.

"In the first round, I felt like I was shooting a little too hard so the first shot [in the second round] I tried to shoot softer and it got a little too soft," Richardson said. "Then I got it going."

Denver's Voshon Lenard, who hasn't played this season since tearing his Achilles' tendon in the season opener, had the final chance to pass Richardson but couldn't come through. The leader after the first round with 17 points. Lenard needed to make all five shots in the final rack, but missed the first one and finished with 16 points.

Nash won the skills challenge, completing the final dribbling. passing and shooting course nearly 12 seconds faster than Denver's Earl Boykins. first round at 31.4 seconds, then

completed the course in 25.8 the

second time around. His only mis-

Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash passes the ball on his way to winning the skills challenge competition in Denver on Saturday night.

first chest pass, but he got the second one and breezed through the rest of the skills after Boykins needed four tries to hit a Nash was the leader after the

three-pointer. Shawn Marion, Diana Taurasi and Dan Majerle made it 3-for-3 for Phoenix by winning the shoot-

take in the final was missing his

ing stars competition making shots from six spots in just 28 seconds. Majerle capped the competition by hitting his second shot from halfcourt to help Phoenix beat Denver by 16 seconds.

"It's fun — we even got Thun-der Dan back in the equation," Nash said. "It's great for the organization *



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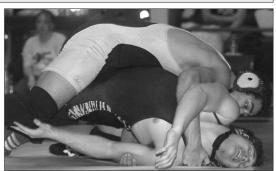
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Wiesbaden's Chad Abramson, top, slams Todd Thom to the mat in the 189-pound final at the DOODS-Europe wrestling finals in Wiesbaden on Saturday. Abramson won the match.

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145 pounds Semifinals: Tony Gagnon (1, Wiesbaden) In Kyle Lucas (Alconbury) 1:54; Gary King 2, Vicenza) def. Jeremy Brady (Held) 9-5. Championship: Gagnon pin King 1:32. Third place: Karl Saucier (3, Rams) def. trady 9-7. Fifth place: Chris Vucich (4, Patch) def. Lucas 3-2.

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Championship: Abramson del: Thom 6-4.
Third place: Popp pin Curtis :47.
Fifth place: Adam Golden (Ansb) def. John
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Semifinals: Cole Maxey (1, Rams) pin Bran-don Simmons (Heid) 5:13; Richard Rendon (3, SHP) pin Mike Ewing (2, Ansb) 4:13. Championship: Maxey pin Rendon 5:20.

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Division III-Ansbach 42, London Central 40,

ricernza 26, Giessen 20.

Division IV-Brussels 87, Menwith Hill 42, Anara 11, Alconbury 7.

Outstanding wrestler-Tony Gagnon (Wies-

baden)
Most falls, least time-Chris Miller (Gies-

Even Great One can't revive the NHL

BY HELENE ELLIOTT AND CHRIS FOSTER

Los Angeles Times

The last, faint hope of reviving the NHL season was obliterated Saturday when league and union executives walked away from a 6½-hour meeting in New York without an agreement — and with odopownier detented.

a deepening distrust.
Although Commissioner Gary
Bettman had canceled the season
Wednesday, players thought
enough time and flexibility remained to forge a deal and play a
28-game season. But even the addition of Wayne Gretzby and
Mario Lemieux to the NHL's negotiating team couldn't life besides to common ground on such
sissues as a salary cap, luxury tax,
arbitration and qualifying offers
to free agents.

Sources said players felt stung by a "bait and switch" when the NHL idin't improve its last offer of a salary cap at \$42.5 million and stipulated the cap would not increase if revenue grew during a six-year deal. The NHL is also said to have cut its revenue-sharing offer, tightened rules on salary arbitration and qualifying offers to free agents, and set a dollstill to the said of the said of the properties of the said of the said to have considered to free to the said of the said to have the said to have the said to have said said

League sources said the union continued to seek too high a salary cap and wouldn't negotiate a luxury tax potent enough to curb spending. "The bottom line is they just don't trust each other," a source familiar with Saturday's talks said. "It's done. It's over with.

"This is worse than what happened on Wednesday. I don't know where we go now. The league and everyone involved with it is in a free-fall at this

Gretzky, managing partner of the Phoenix Coyotes, and Lemieux, play-er-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins, contacted Bettman on Thursday and urged him to hold one last meeting before it would become impossible to squeeze in an abbreviated season. The three met Friday night in New York, or the properties of the properti

gant spending.

Bob Goodenow, the NHL Players' Association executive director who opposed renewing talks
and didn't initially accompany
the union delegation, was excluded from the main meeting Saturday. However, he and Bettman
were nearby and were consulted
during the numerous breaks.

In addition to Gretzky and Lemieux, the NHL was represented by Bill Daly, its chief legal coun-

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> Trevor Linden NHLPA president

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sel. The union was represented

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Trevor Linden, its president, Colo-

rado Avalanche forward Vincent

Damphousse, a member of its ne-

gotiating committee, and former

player Mike Gartner, its director

to start up another meeting for

failure," Ron Salcer, a prominent

agent, said. "I thought it would be

the perfect ending: You bring in

Wayne Gretzky and Mario Le-

mieux - the game has never

seen greater ambassadors. What

better ending than to see these

two knights in shining armor

riding in on white horses to save

"I truly believed something sig-

"We knew for a long time this is

Instead, they were tripped up by their long-standing differenc-

nificant could happen."

"I didn't think they were going



Kings President Tim Leiweke, a staunch backer of Bettman, said. "Mr. Goodenow is very predictable. "We have rolled

"We have rolled over in the past, and he thought we would roll over again. You look at the track record the last 10 years and look at who gave in each time: It was us. I told everyone we owners had

put ourselves in this position. Too often we've panicked, given in, caved. Not this time. And we never will. Do I love not having hockey? No. But if we have to exist another year without hockey, we will."

ey, we will."
The unity of each side had fractured since the cancellation announcement. Several owners voiced anxiety to Bettman on league's image and bottom line, and many players said they were puzzled by the union's about face and acceptance of a salary cap Monday. The failure to saw the season or generate enough understanding to schedule further talks could intensify an already caustic and costly dispute.

"I think it's a bad ending," Leiweke said. "Whatever pool of revenues we had to share just got a lot smaller. This thing is going to go backward. The pain will get

larger, the effect will get larger and the revenues the league generates will get smaller."

Bettman, whose decision to promove talks was criticized by a few owners, explained his actions in a letter to the league's Board of Governors, who will meet next week. In the letter, obtained when the letter, obtained when the letter, obtained when the letter, obtained that Trevor Linden wanted to hear from us. Since we ultimately want a new collective-bargaining agreement, we did not stand on ceremony and we made contact.

"However, we also advised that the union should not assume that the season would be resurrected.

"On Friday morning Trevor spoke with Bill and said they would like to have us include Wayne and Mario in the meeting. To sum up the discussions, the time of the morning of the morning for more than we can afford. Incredibly, the union put nothing new or concrete on the table. At this time, there is no deal here. I was correct on Wednesday when I said we were much further paper than the media was portray-paper than the media was portray-paper than the media was portray-

A source said players feared that if they had yielded a little Saturday, Bettman would have pushed for a lot.

"It was crystal clear from our standpoint that we weren't [close to a deal], and that was evident today," Linden said.

Stewart steers through bump, skid into Victory Lane

BY MIKE HARRIS The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Tony Stewart drove through the grass, passed his buddy Dale Earnhardt Jr. and wound up in Victory Lane.

Stewart, the 2002 NASCAR Nextel Cup champion, claimed his first victory on Saturday on his 42nd career start in the stepladder Busch series.

He also ended Earnhardt's three-race Busch winning streak at Daytona International Speedway.

"I had the drama, had the recovery, had the comeback," said Stewart, who charged to the lead with three laps remaining and won under a yellow flag after a last-lap crash. "I could not have scripted it any more exciting if I was making a movie."

Stewart, driving a Chevrolet owned by fellow Nextel Cup bad boy Kevin Harvick, led a race-high 46 laps on the 2½-mile oval.

Stewart's hopes nearly ended with 25 laps to go when a bump from Carl Edwards sent Stewart skidding through the infield grass at 190 mph. Somehow, he kept the car going in the right direction, steering it back onto the high-banked oval.

"I couldn't pay the fines for what I was thinking," Stewart quipped. "There were a lot of things going through my mind. The first was, 'What am I going to tell my mom from the emergency room?"

"It turned out a lot better than I thought it would. I thought I was going to hit the wall. It was just a matter of how hard." Stewart fell to eighth, then to 17th after

his crew needed extra time on the next pit stop to repair the damage.

Meanwhile the focus turned to Earn-

Meanwhile, the focus turned to Earnhardt. Junior played a waiting game early in the race, content to stay near the back of



Tony Stewart (33) takes the checkered flag under caution in the Hershey's TAKE 5 300.

the pack along with teammate Martin Truex Jr., the defending Busch champion. After the halfway point, Earnhardt and Truex began drafting their way toward the front, quickly moving into the too 10. When the other leaders made their final pit stops during a caution period with 20 laps remaining, Junior stayed on the track and moved into the lead. Truex took only two new tires and came out second. That's when Stewart began his charge, slicing through the field and moving to fifth on another restart with four to go.

Then, with drafting help from Harvick, Stewart went roaring past the leaders on the outside of turn three. They held on for a 1-2 finish as a three-car accident behind them brought out a caution for the final

"He deserved to win a lot more than he has, and we're glad he broke that wall down," said Harvick, who will use Stewart in five more races this season.

Earnhardt, who will go into Sunday's Daytona 500 as the favorite to repeat last year's victory, shrugged off the third-place finish.

"That's Tony Stewart," Earnhardt said. "He can do anything."

Truex, who will make his first Daytona 500 start Sunday, was encouraged by his fourth-place showing.

"Harvick and Stewart must have ganged up," Truex said. "They were coming like a freight train, and there was no way we were going to stop it." Kasey Kahne wound up fifth, followed

by Robby Gordon, Michael Waltrip, Greg Biffle, 19-year-old Reed Sorenson and Carl Edwards.

Cup regulars — the "Buschwhackers" took eight of the top 10 spots.

"We got ganged up on by those Cup guys," said Sorenson, a Busch rookie.

NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said a postrace inspection revealed Stewart's car was too low by a fraction of an inch, but inspectors later determined that the off-course excursion caused damage to the underside of the car that made it too low.

Records fall at European Forces swim finale

Stars and Stripes

MUNICH, Germany - The top swimmers at the European Forces Swim League championship broke 15 league records during the two-day event that ended Sunday.

The finale, which had 562 swimmers, included four new middle-distance events this year to let competitors branch out in what had become "a sprinter's league." said meet director Tom Lang.

Swimmers didn't discriminate between short and long races when it came to breaking league records, where multiple-threat racers dominated several age groups.

One of those pace setters was Lakenheath 15-year-old Konrad Korth, who desperately wanted to complete the 100-meter butterfly in less than a minute.

"My dad made a bet with me," Korth said. "If I get a 59, I get a car.

Though Korth's time of 1 minute, 4.59 seconds was a record-setter, his father had played it safe in the wager. Still, it was Korth's fourth gold-medal performance at the meet. The others came in the 100-meter freestyle, the 200-meter individual medley, where he set a record with a time of 2:23.81, and the 400-meter freestyle, where he smashed his own mark by 4 seconds with a time of 4:21.99

Korth's younger brother, 9-year-old Kilian Korth, won two individual golds and a silver on Sunday

Also adding a little extra competition to their races were Brussels Octopus swim-mer Felix Carritt-Kurzahn, 14, and his friendly rival Christian Northe, 14, from the Sigonella Swordfish



Tom Walker, 19, from the SHAPE Seals goes through the motions of his stroke, just moments before setting the European Forces Swim League record in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 26.67.

The pair agreed to stay even for the first half of the 200 individual medley then open the throttle.

Northe, who on Saturday set an EFSL short-course record in the 13-14 boys 400-meter freestyle, edged his friend by a little more than two seconds with a record-breaking time of 2:27.74. But Carritt-Kurzahn got him back later in the 200 freestyle, where he won in 2:10.11, about

three seconds ahead of Northe. For many at the meet, however, it was enough to swim against their own best times and personal goals.

For 12-year-old Sandra Wood from the Würzburg Waves, a dominating swimmer seeded first in five individual events at the championship, the big goal for the day was to set the record in the girls 50 freestyle.



akenheath Barracuda Konrad Korth, 15, swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-meter IM, one of the four events he won at the European Forces Swim League Championships.

Wood touched the wall just five one-hun-

dredths of a second over the mark. Also making a sweep of her events Sunday was 16-year-old Frankie Houck from the Wiesbaden Wahoos, who took first place in the 200-meter individual medley, the 100 butterfly and the 50 freestyle

holder with a time of 28.54

Continuing the trend of multiple-threat girls at the championship meet was 14-year-old Haley Horkey from the Berlin Bear-a-cudas, who won the 100-meter freestyle and set records in the 200 freestyle (2:27.73) and the 50 freestyle (30.84).

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SPORTS

BC celebrates 'on top of hill'

No. 6 Eagles 'create space' in Big East standings by beating No. 9 Syracuse

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Jared Dudley threw the ball in the air and let out a triumphant vell. Before long, the Boston College student body would join him on the court.

Dudley scored 21 points before dribbling out the final seconds in the sixth-ranked Eagles' 65-60 victory over No. 9 Syracuse on Saturday, setting loose a storm of students who charged the court to celebrate one of the most anticipated matchups in school history.

"I've never had that here," said Craig Smith, BC's Big East player of the year candidate, who had 16 points and 15 rebounds. "It didn't surprise me because I got here two hours before the game and people were going crazy.

Jermaine Watson went 5-for-6 from the free throw line down the stretch for BC (22-1, 11-1), which opened a two-game ence. Syracuse (22-5, 9-4) and No. 17 Pittsburgh are another half-game behind BC, which is leaving for the Atlantic Coast Con-

ference next season.
"It ain't over," BC coach Al Skinner said. "We were still going to be in first place if we lost, but it gave us a chance to create a little more space at the top. This is a big win for us

Gerry McNamara scored 18 points for Syracuse, but he missed three three-pointers in the final 28 seconds - two of them airballs - and went 2-for-11 from beyond the arc overall. The Orange have lost four

of their past six games, all to ranked teams. Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim snickered about the Conte Forum crowd charging the court, something usually reserved for big

"I thought they were ranked sixth in the country," he said sarcastically. "Maybe they just think we're better than we are."

slow to get excited about its revenue sports, Saturday's game attracted some rare attention from the student body and the Boston fans still basking in the Patriots' success and eager for the Red Sox to start a

The usual rivalry with Syracuse became more intense when BC said in 2003 that it would leave the Big East for the ACC, which courted the Orange but did not invite them. Syracuse extracted its revenge with a 43-17 victory in football last fall that knocked the Eagles from a lucrative Fiesta Bowl bid to the Continental Tire Bowl

With both basketball teams holding top-10 rankings, the game sold out quickly, tickets were being scalped at many times face value and fans were lined up at both sides of the arena before the game, waiting for the gates to open.

"They were predicting it would be the

biggest game in Conte's history," Watson said. "We just have a huge target on us. We're on top of the hill."

The Eagles held a 58-52 lead with 1:15 left when Louie McCroskey hit a three-pointer to put Syracuse within one possession. But Nate Doornekamp turned Hakim Warrick away with 56 seconds left and Dudley came away with the ball.

Warrickfinished with 12 points. Dudley made two free throws to make it 60-55. McNamara missed a three-pointer but hit the next one to make it a two-point

Watson made one of two free throws, and McNamara fired up another from far beyond the arc — an airball that Josh Pace put back to make it 61-60 with 27 seconds left. Watson hit two more free throws, but McNamara threw up another airball and it

took the Orange 8 seconds to foul. With Dudley waving his arms to encourage a crowd that didn't need it, Watson hit two more free throws to make it 65-60.

Outfitted to make the highlights



Atlanta Hawks' Josh Smith heads toward the basket during the NBA All-Star slam dunk contest on Saturday night in Denver. Smith, wearing the jersey of the former dunk king nicknamed "The Human Highlight Reel," won the contest. See Page 33 for coverage of the NBA's All-Star Saturday.



Stewart ends Earnhardt's streak with Busch victory

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Hopkins, 40. wins 20th straight title defense

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